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Cricket tour postponed

India fears isolation over plague panic

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN BOMBAY AND EMMA WILKINS

THE Indian government's attempts to play down the growing crisis over the outbreak of pneumonic plague backfired yesterday as tourists began leaving the country, travel companies cancelled holidays and the West Indies cricket tour was postponed.

As India's growing sense of international isolation intensified, there was widespread scepticism over the official figures of deaths and infections. Efforts to deny the gravity of the outbreak have given an impression of an official cover up and of a government in disarray. While the central government claimed the worst was over, the Delhi administration responded by ordering the closure of every state school.

In Delhi yesterday, a child aged five and a teenager became the first victims to die the capital since the outbreak began ten days ago in Surat, 1,100 miles away, bringing the official national death toll to 56. The real figure is probably more than 300, but the Indian government fears that international panic will turn it into a pariah nation and cost the nation millions of pounds in lost tourism, the largest source of foreign income.

An emergency meeting with international airlines in India was called yesterday to contain the damage at the start of the peak tourist season. Manmohan Singh, the Finance Minister, said in London yesterday India's economy could withstand the crisis. "Our reserves position is so comfortable that I think our economy can take it in their stride. I do understand their [foreign governments'] anxiety even if I do not agree with their reaction."

Last year 278,000 people visited India from Britain. Thomson Holidays, Britain's biggest holiday company, yesterday cancelled all touring holidays to the subcontinent from October 1-15. However, a spokeswoman said beach holidays to Goa, which is not near the affected area, would go ahead.

Hayes and Jarvis has cancelled two tours, but Kuoni said its tours, which include visits to Agra, Bombay and Delhi, would go ahead. Thomas Cook is continuing to take travellers to Delhi and the Taj Mahal, a spokeswoman said.

The Foreign Office yesterday amended its advice to travellers, saying: "There is no cause for concern at present in major tourist destinations, but as a precaution avoid crowded public places when possible."



Dr Calman: suspected plague cases are flu

Travellers should continue to avoid Gujurat and Surat, but the exclusion area has been slightly increased to include neighbouring areas of northwest Maharashtra and southern Rajasthan, a Foreign Office spokesman said.

Disruption in air transportation to many key trading partners has already hurt the Indian economy and the longer term effects could be devastating. Bans on airline movements have left India virtually isolated from neighbouring Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

As many as 16 of the fleet of 26 Air India aircraft are grounded at Bombay and more than 80 Air India and Indian Airlines pilots are stranded abroad. Many business travellers from India are unable to get home.

The Gulf region, which has banned flights, provides 4,000 million rupees (£83 million) of revenue to Air India annually, one seventh of its income. Captain D S Mathur, the airline's managing director, said he hoped that tourist charters, which began in two weeks, would not be affected, although he conceded that tourism was likely to suffer.

Doctors in Britain yesterday examined eight people suspected of having the plague. All were later found to have influenza, but the speed with which Dr Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, called a press conference yesterday morning to reveal the suspect cases highlighted the nervousness of the Government to accusations of complacency.

European health officials met in Brussels yesterday to exchange information on measures to prevent the spread of plague into Europe although no case has yet been found. The European Commission is sending £150 million of medicine to India.

At least four flights a day arrive at Heathrow and Manchester airports from India bringing in about 1,000 passengers. Some change planes en route and arrive at other airports. Leaflets are being issued to airlines to advise passengers what to do if they become ill.

The West Indies cricket tour was due to start in Baroda, near the centre of the outbreak, on October 12. The first match in Ahmedabad, business capital of Gujarat state, has been postponed and moved to the northern city of Faridabad on October 17 or 18.

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The red carpet, the band, the PM ... but no Yeltsin

MARTIN McCULLOUGH



Waiting for Boris: Albert Reynolds, second from right, with Irish government officials and Russian diplomats at Shannon airport yesterday

Whatever happens, don't wake the President

BY JOE JOSEPH

ALBERT Reynolds, the Irish Prime Minister, was left cooling his heels on the tarmac at Shannon airport yesterday when a "too ill" Boris Yeltsin failed to emerge from his presidential jet for a planned summit meeting. Mischievous tongues swiftly began wagging: had Mr Yeltsin overindulged?

Mr Reynolds, who had flown from New Zealand for the meeting, waited 15 minutes as officials struggled to explain the President's reluctance to step on to Irish soil. Mr Yeltsin was ill. Then Mr Yeltsin was "indisposed", and too tired. A red carpet had been unrolled, flower girls were primed to smile, and the Irish army band was waiting to serenade the Russian leader on his home-bound stopover after meeting President Clinton in Washington.

Mr Yeltsin's aircraft arrived at 12.10pm. The door swung open, but Mr Yeltsin did not swing out. Nobody was suggesting that Mr Yeltsin had cracked open his duty frees before reaching home, but Mr Yeltsin's thirst for vodka is usually an early suspect whenever his bizarre behaviour comes under scrutiny.

It often does. At the official ceremony in Berlin last month to mark the withdrawal of the last Russian troops from Germany, Mr Yeltsin stumbled after a champagne lunch, slurred his speech, waved his arms about and seized a conductor's baton to direct an orchestra *con brio*.

Mr Reynolds would certainly not be the first western politician to have been stood up unexpectedly by Mr Yeltsin for, er, "health reasons".

In the past two years, such snubs have been delivered to, among others, Lloyd Bentsen, the US Treasury Secretary, Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, and Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee.

Mr Reynolds, a teetotaller, acted the perfect gentleman. He was sorry Mr Yeltsin was ill, and did not feel snubbed. "When a man is ill, a man is ill," he said. After 15 minutes, he strolled off towards the airport terminal for talks accompanied by a presidential stand-in, Oleg Soskovets, a Russian deputy prime minister, who explained that Mr Yeltsin was "too tired after a 17-hour flight" to see his Irish host.

On arrival in Moscow, Mr Yeltsin told reporters he was feeling excellent, but said that he had overslept and his security men had refused to let anyone wake him when his aircraft landed at Shannon.

"Eighteen hours in flight, and I had not slept much for such a long time before that. The security service did not let in the people who were due to wake me. Of course, I will sort things out and punish them."

Clarke's guarded pledge on tax cuts

BY JILL SHERMAN AND ALICE THOMSON

KENNETH CLARKE tried to recapture the initiative on the economy last night by pledging that the Tories would cut taxes as soon as the country could afford it.

At the end of Labour's week-long offensive against the Tories' economic record, the Chancellor gives his strongest indication yet that he would cut taxes before the next general election. "I can promise that tax cuts will come — and it is a question of when, not whether — once borrowing is firmly under control," he says in a letter to all constituency party chairmen.

Mr Clarke says it is time to re-establish with voters "that we will deliver tax cuts when we can afford it".

He insists that the Conservatives are the only party that can deliver tax cuts. "I want tax cuts. You want tax cuts. Tax cuts are good for the performance of the economy. Everyone knows that neither the Labour Party nor the Liberal Party can deliver them."

At next month's party conference Mr Clarke will face pressure from party activists to restore the Conservatives' reputation as the party of low taxes. More than 130 motions have been tabled on the economy, many of them demanding urgent tax cuts.

In what was seen as a bid

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Searchers find ferry wreck 54m deep on seabed

FROM JAMES LANDALE IN TURKU, FINLAND

THE wreck of the ferry *Estonia* was found yesterday by a Finnish marine research vessel almost 20 miles south of Uto Island in the Baltic Sea.

Commodore Raimo Tiilikainen, head of the Finnish rescue operation, said the ship, which sank early on Wednesday with the loss of more than 900 lives, was on its side, on an incline, pointing east-west. The bow was at a depth of 54 metres, the stern at 86 metres.



The robot submarine that will photograph the wreck

Commodore Tiilikainen refused to give precise details of the location. "That's a question I do not answer, because if I will there will be too many people trying to go in."

The survey ship *Suunta* last night sailed back to the port of Hanko. Today a second ship, the *Halli*, will sail for the wreck, which has been marked so that two small unmanned submarines with robot television cameras can be sent down to examine it. Investigators refused to say if sonar indicated whether the vessel had broken up.

Tuomo Karppinen, a member of the investigating commission, was sceptical of claims by the director of the Swedish marine safety board that the front doors of the vessel had opened at sea.

"Some of the survivors have said some things which could be translated that they had seen the door open," he said. "But the information has not been confirmed. We have no exact information. It's pitch dark, with 10-metre waves, and the boat was sinking. So it's very difficult to see anything exactly."

It was "possible" that the door had opened. "Even if the bow gate could be open, it would be more probable that it would close by the force of gravity," he said. The doors could have opened after the ship sank: "When the vessel hit the sea bottom, the bow gates could break at that moment."

Commodore Tiilikainen denied rumours that a second ferry captain from the *Estonia* had been interviewed. "He was last seen alive at about midnight before the accident, about 1½ hours before the sinking," he said. "There's no exact information about the captain. No-one has seem him alive after the accident."

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Habgood to retire early

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, announced his retirement yesterday, two years before he must officially step down. The favourite to succeed him is the Right Rev Stephen Sykes, Bishop of ElyPage 10

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Two shot dead in Haiti street battle

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

AT LEAST two people were killed yesterday when violence flared on the streets of Port-au-Prince during a march to commemorate the overthrow of Jean-Bertrand Aristide as President.

The violence began as the marchers neared the offices of an anti-Aristide paramilitary group.

Rocks were thrown at the marchers and a street battle ensued. Shots were fired after about ten minutes, according to witnesses. One Aristide supporter with his hands raised above his head was stoned on the porch of a house and then shot three or four times.

A Haitian driver working for an American television network was also reportedly shot dead and Lee Celano, a Reuters photographer, was hit on the head by a rock.

Many people were furious that American soldiers who had been patrolling nearby shortly before the marchers passed by, were nowhere to be seen when the shooting began.

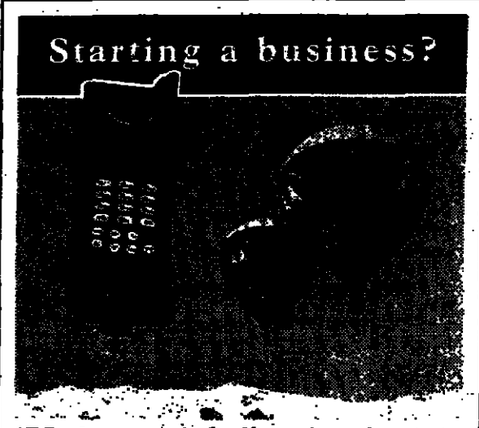
"I think it's really a shame because the Haitian people were told that this would be a test of democracy and there would be security," said Michael Levy, a member of Mr Aristide's official transition team who was with the marchers. "They were being shot at for over an hour and not one US soldier showed up to intervene," he said. "It's a tragedy. There were small children walking with me and they had no idea they were walking into a street full of armed men," he said.

Mr Levy said he had participated in talks with officials from Washington on Thursday to coordinate security for the march. He said that he and his colleagues had warned the Americans of the danger posed by the anti-Aristide faction at the crossroads where the shooting took place. "We warned them that it would be dangerous everywhere today but particularly at that office which we told them was full of guns," he said.

"We were assured that this would be raised at the highest level," said Mr Levy. He later went to the United States embassy nearby where he said he hoped to meet American officials to discuss the incident. "This is totally senseless. Even the Haitian military was co-operating today. It's just these paramilitary guys," Mr Levy said.

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When rats last ruled London's streets and 100,000 died

BY JOE JOSEPH

"BUT Lord, how empty the streets are," sighed Samuel Pepys as he scribbled his diary for October 16, 1665, when life in England was last scarred by plague. The air hung over London then like a putrid blanket, smelling of death.

"How empty the streets are, and melancholy, so many sick people in the streets, full of sores, and so many sad stories overheard as I walk, everybody talking of this dead and that man sick, and so many in this place, and so many in that. They tell me that in Westminster there is never a physician, and but one apothecary left, all being dead."

As many as 100,000 Londoners died in the Great Plague of 1664-65, and some parts of the capital became open graveyards.

London itself became a pariah city. Coaling coasters from Newcastle refused to put into the Port of London, bringing manufacturing in the capital to a halt and making thousands of men jobless. Fleeing Londoners were pelted with stones and manure as they sought sanctuary in the countryside. Anxious provincial towns and villages posted armed guards to repel refugees from the capital. Letters from London were washed or heated by a fire to disinfect them before they were opened.

The signs of infection quickly became recognisable. Dr Nathaniel Hodges of Watling Street "in the middle of the Christmas Holy-Days was called to a young man in a fever, who after two days course of alexiterial medicines, had two risings about the bigness of a Nytmeg broke out, one on each Thigh." If those black soft swellings looked strange that winter of 1664, they soon became familiar: known as "plague tokens", they spelt death.

Dr Hodges himself drank a glass of sack every evening "to dissipate any Lodgment of the Infection". Warm weather the following summer quickened the disease's march, as well as the exodus of those Londoners rich enough to escape: vicars abandoned their churches and doctors their patients.

Plague-smitten houses became jails for their occupants, who were locked inside for 40 days: armed guards enforced the quarantine. Life outdoors was barely less grim. Pavements were peppered with the rotting corpses of dead dogs and cats, killed in the belief that they spread the disease: the lack of cats merely gave a freer run to the rats which were the real carriers.

By August 1665 more than 2,000 a week were crumpling. Within a month, the figure had breached 8,000 dead in a week. But at last the plague had peaked. Within months, the Great Fire wiped out the lingering vestiges. It also wiped out much of the fabric of London.

Scare over as plague proves to be nothing more than flu

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

EIGHT patients who woke up yesterday as suspected plague victims ended the day with nothing worse than flu, to the embarrassment of Dr Kenneth Calman, the Government's Chief Medical Officer.

Dr Calman was accused of whipping up a media fever over plague after calling a press conference to publicise the suspected cases hours before doctors confirmed that they were not suffering from the disease.

The Health Department said the decision to hold the conference was agreed by Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, and cleared with the Home Office, responsible for immigration. Mrs Bottomley said last night: "The challenge is to handle the understandable concern effectively and vigilantly."

Officials invited reporters to the Health Department's London headquarters at an hour's notice yesterday morning to hear Dr Calman give brief details of the eight cases. "There is no cause for alarm," he said. "Plague is remarkably easy to treat with routinely available antibiotics and has very low transmission rates."

Editors were alerted to the story by a newsflash from the Press Association just after 11am. News pages were cleared to provide full coverage of what appeared to be the first outbreak of the disease in Britain for over 80 years. Broadcasting organisations led their lunchtime news bulletins with the story and London's *Evening Standard* newspaper headlined its front page: "Plague fear hits Britain."

In a brief statement issued at 5.40pm, the Health Department said that tests on seven of the eight suspected cases had proved negative. A ninth, which came to light during the day, had also been discounted. The remaining patient had an illness that was unlikely to be plague but investigations were continuing.

The symptoms of plague are similar to flu in its early stages with the sudden onset of fever and rapid deterioration.

Last night the Health Department issued a vigorous defence of its decision to publicise the cases. "We make no apologies," a spokesman said. "It is not a storm in a tea cup. If we had not gone public on these cases we would have been accused of hiding them."

Reporters from some newspapers had told the Health Department they had got wind of cases of the disease and the *Daily Mirror* accused the department of complacency. Yesterday's front page, available from the early hours of the morning, was headlined "Plague plane" over a picture of a flight from India arriving at Heathrow with the subheading: "While the world fights killer epidemic we rely on face mask and can of insecticide."

The Health Department said that Dr Calman had decided to hold the press conference to reassure the public. As Chief Medical Officer, a post he has held for three years, he is responsible for dealing with any public health threat and is paid £89,000, the same as a permanent secretary in the Civil Service.

A team of consultants, doctors, epidemiologists and microbiologists has been established at the public health laboratory service headquarters in north London to monitor any spread of plague and scrutinise suspicious cases.

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SHERWIN CRASTO



A civic worker in Bombay yesterday where efforts are being made to kill all rats

Fingers of death stretch into Delhi

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN BOMBAY

A CHILD and a teenager have died of plague in Delhi, the first victims in the capital since the outbreak began 1,100 miles away in the slum city of Surat ten days ago. City schools and cinemas closed for two weeks, bringing home to millions the gravity of the threat facing them.

Rajesh Kumar, 5, and Sanjay Kumar, 18, who were not related, died of septicaemic plague, a secondary stage of bubonic plague. Sanjay was the son of a nursing orderly at the hospital. This takes the official national death toll to 56, most from Surat. The real figure is probably more than 300.

Doctors did not know the two latest victims had the plague until after their deaths, raising alarm about the ability of medical staff to diagnose diseases they have never seen or treated. There are fears that the infection could have been contracted in the hospital. Delhi has 20 confirmed cases of plague. A 20-year-old woman with bubonic plague fled the institution on Thursday before she could be taken to the isolation ward.

The closure of schools and cinemas belies the contrived calm of city administrators, who fear panic. Plague has been reported in nearly every district, and there are more than 60 suspected cases.

In Surat the city's government hospital received 103 new suspected victims on Wednesday and dozens more on Thursday, taking the total handled by the hospital to around 700.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hospitals force delay in merit-pay scheme

Government plans to introduce local performance-related pay throughout the health service by next April were thrown into disarray last night after NHS trusts said that they were not ready for the move. Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, was forced to admit that it might take a "few years" for local arrangements to be implemented as trust leaders said they could not introduce the deals within six months. Both the Royal College of Nursing and the British Medical Association are strongly opposed to the move.

Rodney Walker, chairman of the Federation of NHS Trusts, said yesterday: "It is one thing for Government to set the agenda and say there you are then, but it is quite another to embark individually from scratch on such a profound course ... there has to be a sense of realism about the speed at which we can travel and successes that can be achieved."

Prison murder inquiry

A murder inquiry has been launched after the death of a prison inmate who had been assaulted. Police said that Norman Manning, 26, was found with head and groin injuries in his cell at the top-security Long Lartin jail near Evesham, Hereford and Worcester. He died minutes later. Manning was serving five years for robbery and theft.

Tunnel trains roll

Sixteen months later than planned Eurotunnel yesterday carried the first of 60,000 shareholders and "opinion formers" it plans to take through the Channel Tunnel before mid-November. The company hopes to sell tickets to tourists, from £240 return, before the end of the year.

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Youth unfit to plead

Philip McFadden, 18, accused of stabbing to death Constable Lewis Fulton, 28, on a Glasgow street on June 17, was yesterday ordered by the High Court in Edinburgh to be detained in a secure hospital after a judge ruled he was insane and unfit to stand trial. McFadden was also accused of attempting to murder Sergeant William Blair.

Climber's body found

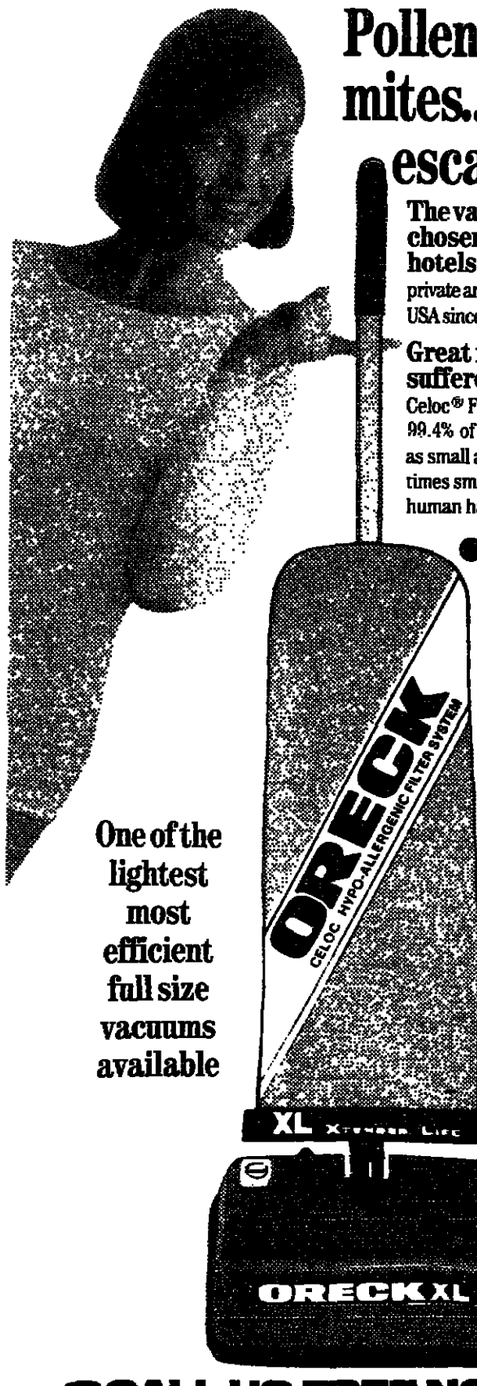
The body of a climber missing in Scotland was found yesterday by a mountain rescue team. Peter Mace, 30, of Kingston upon Thames, southwest London, had failed to return from a trip to the Cuillin Hills on the Isle of Skye. A search was launched after his car had been parked for several days at a youth hostel.

Railmen accept deal

Railway signallers yesterday voted by more than six to one to accept a pay-for-productivity deal and end four months of disruption to train services. A telephone ballot, conducted by the RMT transport union, found 2,461 signallers in favour of the terms agreed during a week of late-night talks brokered by Acas, the arbitration service.

Accountant backs ballet

A chartered accountant is spending his savings on a £150,000 production of *Coppelia* by the Birmingham Royal Ballet. David Lloyd, from Edgbaston, said: "I have wanted to support a production for many years. Now the Birmingham Royal Ballet has made its base here it seems appropriate that I work towards supporting a production."



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Clarke bid to calm Tory tax jitters

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to calm Tory jitters after a week in which Labour has tried to bury its "tax and spend" image. Mr Clarke says the Tories will win the next general election by convincing voters that the recovery would last and taxes would be lowered. He stressed, however, that this could be done only by keeping public spending under control and adopting a "realistic approach to public sector pay".

Labour meanwhile drew attention yesterday to the new 2.5 per cent tax on insurance premiums, which comes into effect today, accusing the Tories of forcing people in high crime areas to abandon their home insurance cover.

Harriet Harman, shadow Treasury Chief Secretary, said statistics showed that the rising price of insurance was already hitting many. The tax would be the final straw.

Ms Harman said that the average family's combined insurance bill of £556 was already 20 per cent higher in real terms than five years ago, and would now rise by a further £13.90. She said that this was just one in a series of taxes in the Budget which would be equivalent to adding 7p to the basic rate of Income Tax. In November tobacco duty is expected to rise by 3 per cent in real terms and road fuel by 5 per cent.

Sir George Young, Financial Secretary to the Treasury said: "The average cost to British households of the insurance tax will be only 23p a week. If Labour does not want this extra revenue, it must admit which spending programmes would it cut."

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Sir John Hall

Sir John Hall, the Tyneside businessman, asks us to point out that he is not the John Hall who is a signatory to a statement published by prominent people in the North East calling for an elected northern assembly, as reported yesterday.

Judges and barristers put Government in the dock

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is expected to face a double-barrelled attack from senior lawyers and judges today for failing to restore public confidence in the justice system while eroding the independence of the judiciary.

Robert Seabrook, QC, chairman of the Bar, is likely to launch an onslaught on the Government's failure to set up a review body on miscarriages of justice when he addresses 400 barristers at their annual conference in London.

He is also expected to outline the profession's concern at the limited resources which the Government is giving to remedy the huge costs and delays in civil justice, now under review by Lord Woolf, the law lord.

Lord Ackner, the law lord, and Sir Francis Purchas, a retired Court of Appeal judge, will voice strong concerns about what they see as the steady erosion of judges' independence. In particular Lord Ackner will launch a robust attack on the Lord Chancellor's review of judges' lodgings, where High Court judges stay when on circuit.

Lord Ackner said yesterday: "I am likely to talk about the extent to which judicial independence has been eroded by various pieces of legislation; and now by what seems a clear intention to abolish the circuit system."

If the system of sending out High Court judges to try serious cases in the regions were ended, then the presiding judges [the senior judges on circuit] would not exist and the "thin red line which keeps the executive at bay in regard to the running of the courts, the ultimate protection, will be abolished", he said.

Christopher Frazer, this year's conference chairman and the first to come from among junior barristers, said: "The problems of the young Bar will be very much to the fore, which shows that the Bar is very much committed to next generation."

Speakers, he said, would debate the future of the young Bar, whether it needed to reduce in size to survive now that solicitors can take cases in the higher courts and how it could strenghthen its position in the fight for work.

"In my view the young Bar does not need to reduce in size: we must go out there and show we are more efficient and more able to deliver advocacy services. We should not be frightened of competition."

Among the many judges and leading lawyers attending will be the Master of the Rolls, Sir Thomas Bingham, who is to deliver the opening address; Lloyd Cutler, special counsel to President Clinton, who will describe trends in American justice and Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, the Attorney-General.

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Burnt car and bloodstains are only clues to fate of mother who disappeared after drive to school

Missing lawyer may be victim of bungled burglary

By Dominic Kennedy

A LAWYER has vanished after dropping her daughter at a school bus stop, leaving detectives "very concerned for her safety" last night.

The woman's burning car was found abandoned in a beauty spot and spots of blood have been discovered at her home. Police suggested that Alison Routley, 34, may have been the victim of a burglary that went wrong.

A team of 50 officers were yesterday searching for the missing woman, concentrating on an acre of dense woodland in the Quantock Hills where the car was found. A mile of hedgerows was combed.

On Wednesday morning Mrs Routley, described as a bubbly individual, tied her long dark hair in an olive-green band, pulled a black anorak over her checked shirt and left her home, still wearing her brown sheepskin slippers.

She drove her daughter Alexis, 11, to the nearby village of Fitzhead, Somerset, to catch the bus to school at Wiveliscombe.

Mrs Routley drove her blue Subaru estate car back to her home in Chapel Leigh, where she lived with her husband Brian, an upholsterer. Mrs Routley had been off work for a week with a back problem.



At 1.40pm, a husband and wife driving along a country lane in Pyleigh, about a mile away, heard a car approaching and pulled into the side of the road.

Mrs Routley's Subaru came around the corner, skidded and crashed into their car before driving away without stopping. The couple turned to see the car was being driven by a long-haired woman.

At 2.15pm, a woman walking on the Quantocks at Cothelstone, five miles away, discovered the abandoned car on fire. It had been driven 100 yards down a rarely-used forest track and was scarcely visible from the road.

When Alexis arrived home from school, she found that the back door had been left open and a drawer in the house had also been opened. Her mother was missing and her handbag had been tipped upon the sitting room floor. It was unclear whether anything was missing.

When Mr Routley returned home, he noticed spots of blood, which were yesterday being examined by forensic scientists to establish how recent they are.

Police Inspector John Milton, who has known Mrs Routley for several years, said: "It seems to be totally out of character. She is not the sort who would just disappear."

Mrs Routley was in the habit of leaving notes for her husband and daughter whenever she left the house, but there was nothing to indicate where she had gone.

The police yesterday emphasised that there was nothing to suggest anything untoward in the couple's relationship. At a press conference in Taunton, Mr Routley, 36, wept as he appealed to the public to help to find his wife.

"I am here to ask for help," he said. "My wife is missing. The house appears to have been robbed. The car has been found burnt out. There is no way Alison would have left of her own accord without making some provision for our daughter. If anyone can help, please contact the police."

Scientific examinations were being made of the family home, which is described by police as "not the tidiest of houses".

An acre of dense woodland was cordoned off for scene-of-crime officers to make a fingertip search. They were prepared to extend the search area if insufficient clues were found. A helicoptor yesterday joined the search.

Superintendent Peter Hind, leading the investigation, said: "It's a worrying scenario because it appears that some sort of search was carried out in the bungalow. It is possibly a burglary that went wrong, but we have found nothing to tell us what happened."

An incident room has been set up at Taunton police station and a team of about 50 officers from as far as Bristol were involved in yesterday's investigation. Inspector Mike Vince of Avon and Somerset police said: "We are very, very concerned because of the unusual circumstances. The fact that the vehicle has been found and she is still missing makes us very concerned for her safety."

Mrs Routley is employed by the solicitors Dodson Harding in Wellington, near Taunton. Her husband and daughter were yesterday staying with relatives.

A neighbour, Bridget Dillon, said: "It's a mystery to everyone. You couldn't wish for better neighbours. Mrs Routley is a very lovely sort of person."



Police are concerned for the safety of Alison Routley, whose burnt-out estate car was found by a rambler in a remote Quantock Hills beauty area. Spots of blood were found by her husband Brian, above, at their home, where police forensic scientists scoured the garden for clues

Parents blamed themselves for boy's tent death

By A Staff Reporter

A COUPLE blamed themselves after their five-year-old son burnt to death when a nightlight set their holiday tent on fire, a coroner was told yesterday. The boy's father died six weeks later from burns suffered while trying to rescue him.

The fire happened at a campsite near La Trinité-sur-Mer in Brittany on May 30. The boy, Alexander Kirby, was in a sleeping bag in the back section of the three-bedroom family tent. The tent was made of polyester, vinyl and cotton and was not fireproof. It belonged to the camp site.

Alexander's mother Kim, a teacher, told the inquest that the nightlight had been put in the tent because her daughter Ellen, aged 19 months, was afraid of the dark.

Mrs Kirby, of Norwich, said that she and her husband were woken by Ellen screaming. "By the time I was out he was trying to save Ellen and throwing her out of the tent. Then he tried to get into Alexander's section. He was alight all over his back."

Stephen Kirby, 48, a computer programmer, suffered 95 per cent burns. A dozen relatives gave skin for grafts but he could not be saved. Witnesses had found him badly burnt outside the blazing tent saying "It is my fault, it is my fault for putting the candle there. I was so happy before, now I want to die."

Mrs Kirby, 44, told camp staff: "I feel alone. I am lost, I don't know anyone." After telling a supervisor about the nightlight, she added: "So we have killed him."

French police said the nightlight might have fallen over or Alexander might have moved it closer to the side of the tent. James Hipwell, the Norwich coroner, asked Mrs Kirby: "Did it not occur to you that to have a naked flame in a tent was unwise?"

She replied: "I was a little bit apprehensive about it, but it is something we have always done. There are hundreds of seasoned campers out there who use them all the time. The way it was set up in a pottery container seemed perfectly safe."

Mr Hipwell said: "I am bound to say that those who decide to use nightlights with a naked flame should think very carefully before doing so in a tent."

But he said Mrs Kirby should have no feelings of self-recrimination and praised Mr Kirby for his "great courage". Mr Hipwell recorded a verdict of accidental death on Alexander.



The police image of the murder suspect

Police hunt 'fat man' suspect

By Paul Wilkinson

POLICE hunting the killer of Julie Pacey issued a picture of a man yesterday whom they want to interview about the attack. The picture was issued as her husband returned to his home for the first time since his teenage daughter found her mother's strangled body in the bathroom.

Andrew Pacey, 39, spent an hour inside the four-bedroomed detached house in Grantham, Lincolnshire. He was taken inside by Detective Superintendent Roger Billingsley, who is leading the search for the killer.

Murder squad officers issued a photofit of the chubby-faced, balding "fat man" seen near the Paceys' house three days before Mrs Pacey, 38, was murdered on Monday.

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'Fagins' who used child thief jailed

By A Staff Reporter

TWO men who used a 12-year-old boy "trained like a circus animal" to trick his way into the homes of old people and to rob them were jailed yesterday.

Sir Lawrence Verney, the Recorder of London, told the men at the Old Bailey: "Although the amounts stolen were small they mattered enormously to the victims and the invasion of their homes by a boy one described as slippery as an eel was a horrifying experience."

Anthony McDonagh, 29, from Enfield, north London, who is wheelchair-bound, was jailed for three years. Francis McDonagh, 28, from Wood Green, north London, was sentenced to five years. The boy was put into council care but is now on the run.

In court the McDonaghs changed their pleas to guilty and admitted conspiracy to burgle earlier last month. The plea change came after legal argument at the end of the prosecution case resulted in a charge of manslaughter against them being dropped.

They had denied the manslaughter of John Buckley, 79, at his home in Plumstead, southeast London, in February. Mr Buckley's death was the culmination of a ten-day crime spree by the McDonaghs and the youth across southeast England.

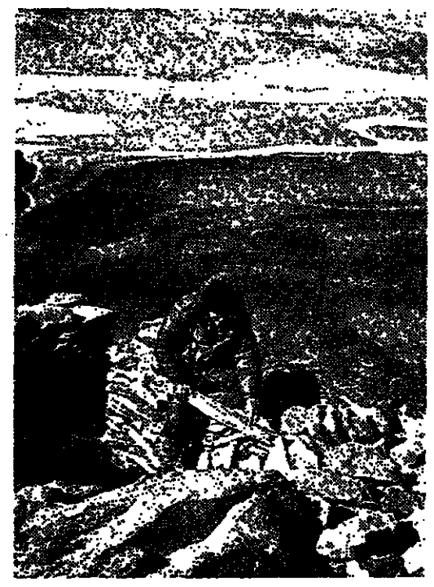
Their targets were elderly, infirm people often in sheltered accommodation. The boy, now 13 but looking far younger, used various ruses to get into his victims' homes. The court was told that he did not hesitate to resort to violence. When his victims resisted, they were punched and pushed to the floor.



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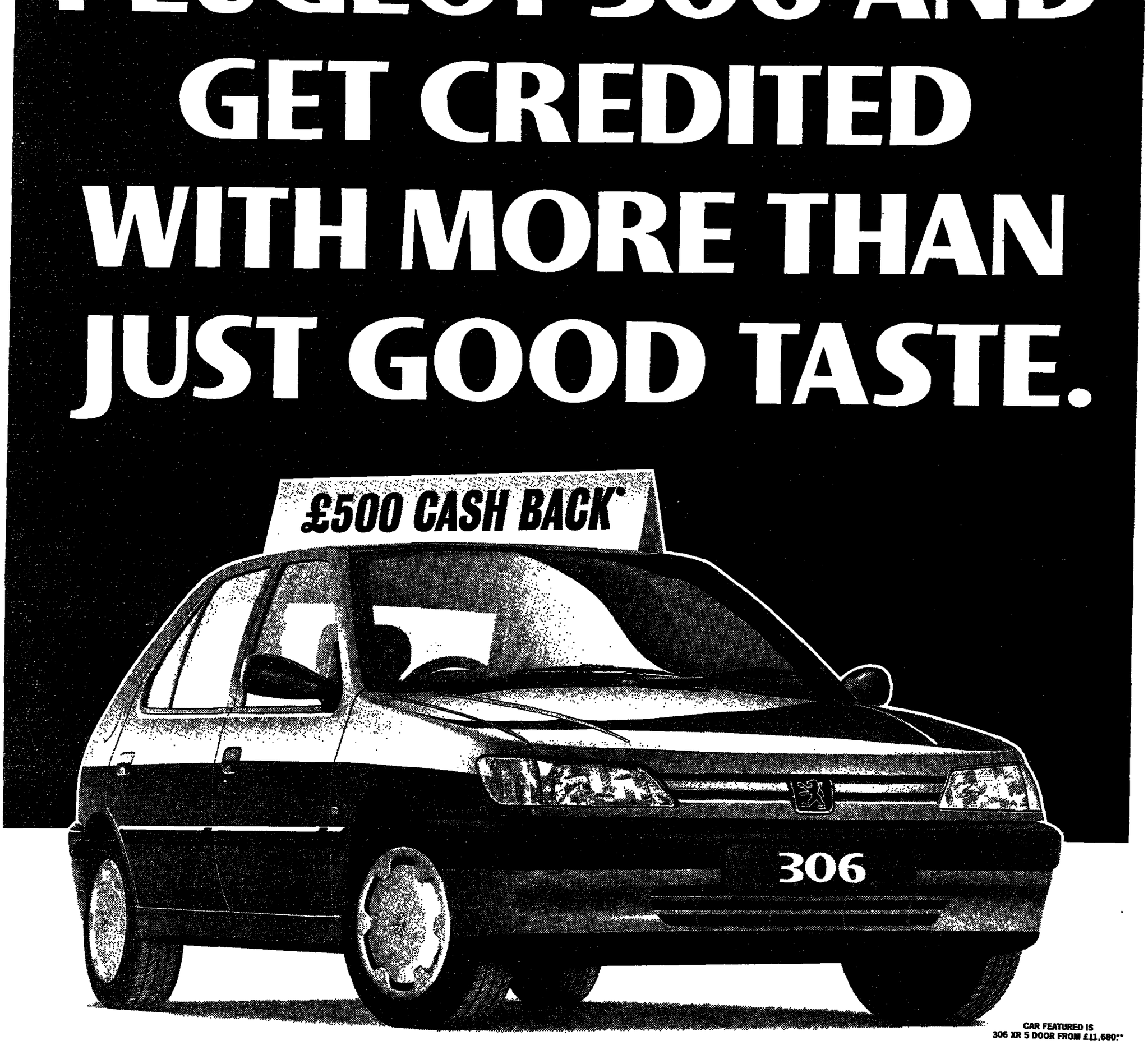
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Priest condemns IRA for vigilante punishment attacks

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A ROMAN Catholic priest condemned the IRA yesterday for continuing to terrorise nationalist areas of Northern Ireland by beating up alleged joyriders and sex offenders.

Father Denis Faul, from Dungannon, Co Tyrone, who has consistently spoken out against the IRA, called on the terrorists to stop behaving like the dictators of Argentina.

His comments came after a human rights group in Belfast said that the IRA has stepped up its punishment beatings. Families Against Intimidation and Terror said the terrorists have carried out seven attacks since the ceasefire was declared last month — more than half this year's total. The IRA seems to have moved from "kneecap" shootings to beatings with iron bars and baseball bats.

In the past week the IRA is also understood to have tortured two alleged informers in Belfast. One was subjected to the "bath treatment" where victims are kept under water until close to drowning. Republicans are also following army and police patrols in nationalist areas as Sinn Fein tries to remove the security forces from Catholic areas.

Fr Faul, headmaster of a boys' school, said: "The Provos are still a big problem. They are still beating up people and are refusing to allow others that they have forced out of Northern Ireland to return."

The beatings are aimed at curbing "anti-social elements". Last week an IRA gang attacked a 16-year-old boy who was due in court for driving a stolen car.

Four masked men burst into Gavin Smyth's house in west Belfast, forced their way past his mother up to his bedroom where he was ordered to dress. He was taken to a social club where his legs were smashed with crowbars for ten minutes. He was rolled over three times, and both his legs were broken.

Fr Faul said that juvenile crime was a serious problem in Catholic areas, but said that the police were best equipped to deal with the problem. "Whatever criticisms we may have of the RUC they are good at normal social policing," Fr Faul said. "In contrast, the Provos hijack cars, take over people's homes and then try to police Catholic areas."

Fr Faul's outspokenness has infuriated the IRA whose supporters shout abuse at some of his pupils. In 1977 he described their campaign as "directly contrary to Catholic teaching on the sacredness of human life", and in 1981 he helped to end the hunger strike by republican inmates at the Maze Prison by appealing to their families.

Alex Attwood, an SDLP councillor in west Belfast, said that the latest beatings were one of many stumbling blocks that will impede the peace process. He said: "Republicans come from a violent culture and it would be naive to think that they will adopt a non-violent approach overnight. The attacks show their immaturity in dealing with community and policing issues."

Mr Attwood said that the IRA was trying to create a policing vacuum so that it could enforce its power in nationalist areas. But he added: "The community will resist this because a deeply flawed police force like the RUC is better than a completely flawed one consisting of IRA members."

Sinn Fein says that the beatings are one of many issues to be resolved in future talks. However, Alex Maskey, a Sinn Fein councillor in Belfast, refused to condemn the attacks. "There are those in the community who feel they have to take as a last resort some kind of physical action," he said. "We as a party want to end all of that."

NIGEL BENNETT



Simon Teece, 8, who suffered severe head injuries: "I can't wait to play out"

Scaffolding victim, 8, makes full recovery

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A SCHOOLBOY who suffered severe head injuries when he was hit by a piece of metal scaffolding which fell from the top of a multistorey car park left hospital yesterday and said: "I'm going to beat my Dad at Nintendo."

Simon Teece's parents were warned that the eight-year-old might not survive after the incident, or that if he did he might be brain damaged. He has, however, made a good recovery at Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield, since being injured on September 4 while shopping with his family.

His father David, 39, an electrical engineer from Normanton, West Yorkshire, said: "At first we thought we wouldn't see this day. But we have our old Simon back."

His mother Barbara said: "It was touch-and-go and we weren't given much hope. But he's doing fine and is full of mischief." Simon said: "I can't wait to see all my friends and play out again."

Caroline Weighell, an intensive care nurse, said: "Simon has made an amazing recovery. He had very severe injuries. We put it down to his own motivation."

A 15-year-old boy has been remanded in custody accused of inflicting grievous bodily harm on Simon.

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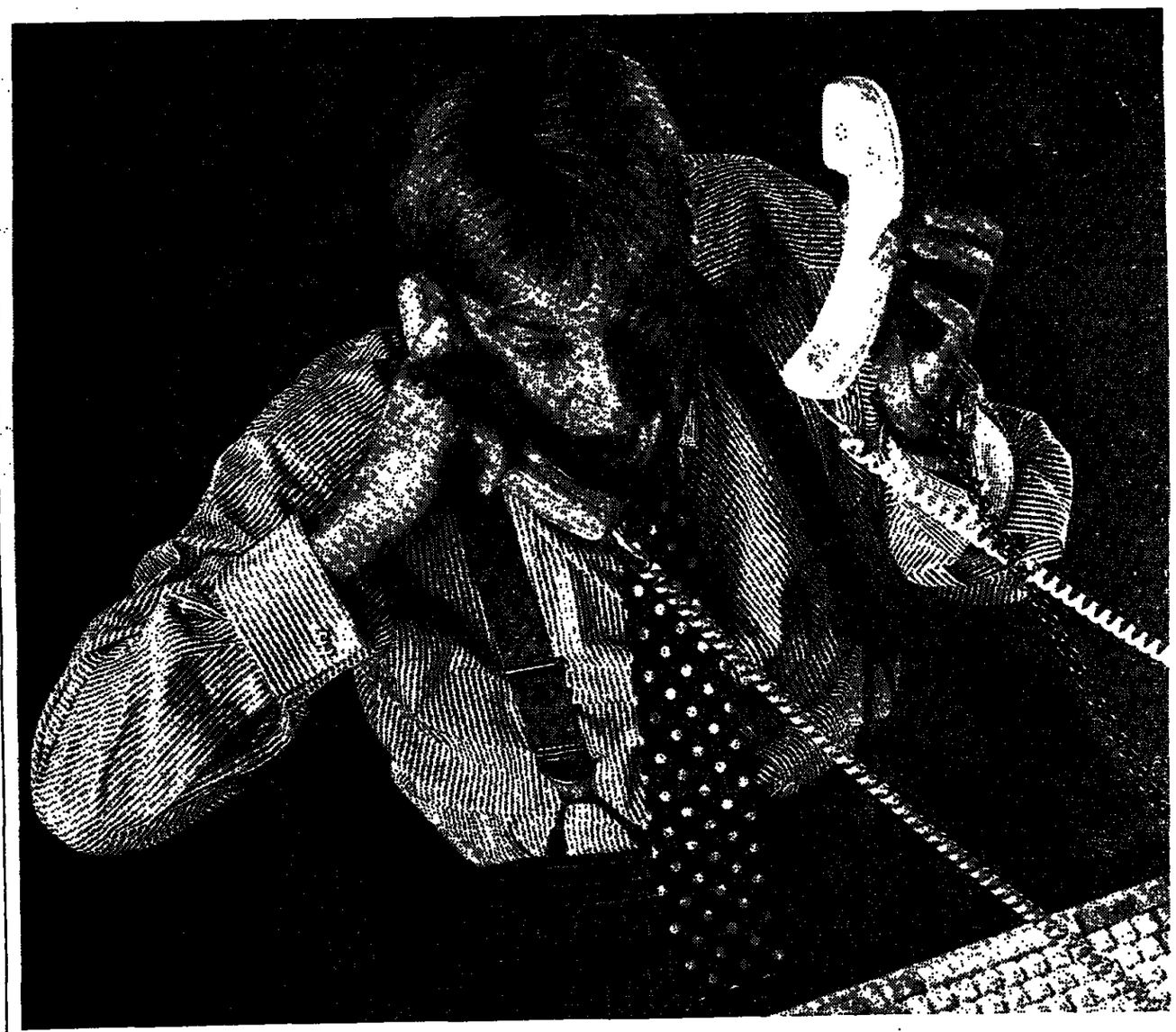
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Protests halt rapist's lone cycle rides from jail to college

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A RAPIST serving nine years who has been allowed to cycle unescorted to college classes had that privilege suspended last night.

Three years ago David Tomsett, now 37, was jailed at Exeter Crown Court for the rape of a jogger aged 32 on a nature trail at Bideford, Devon. He has recently been allowed to cycle through country lanes from Erlestoke prison in Wiltshire to classes at Trowbridge.

A Prison Service spokesman said: "The temporary release plans for David Tomsett have been suspended pending a full report into the background circumstances. The director-general has asked for this report as a matter of urgency."

Earlier an MP had said he would raise the case with the Home Office urgently and the Prison Officers' Association condemned the decision to let Tomsett travel alone.

Tomsett had watched his victim drop her seven-year-old child at school and had tracked her jogging route along a trail dedicated to *Tarka the Otter*. The next day, wearing a balaclava and armed with a knife, he attacked. The woman told the court she thought she would be cut to pieces. Tomsett, a painter from Shebbear, Devon, denied the attack.

Prison Service sources said yesterday that Tomsett was a category-D prisoner, the lowest security category. A spokeswoman said that after any request by a prisoner to attend college the risk to the public was the most important aspect considered.

Concern about inmates being given privileges too early was raised last December after another prisoner from Erlestoke was arrested by police after the attempted murder of his foster mother during his release for four days to visit a bail hostel. The governor at Erlestoke, a low-security prison, is Alison Gomme, who took over last summer at the age of 34.

David Faber, Tory MP for Westbury, which covers Erlestoke, said Home Office guidelines were obviously at fault. "The decision to allow him to cycle unaccompanied is bound to cause great anxiety among residents."

Helen Peggs, of Victim Support, said: "I just pray that someone from the prison has contacted this man's victim to warn her about this scheme. It would be incredibly traumatic for her to discover the man who raped her is cycling happily around the countryside when she believes he is safely behind bars."

John Boddington, vice-chairman of the Prison Officers' Association, said: "Security and public safety seems to take second place to everything in many prison governors' minds these days. Letting this inmate out alone just three years into a nine-year sentence is unacceptable."

PETER ROBINS



Tomsett cycles unaccompanied to college classes

Safe driver course will cut cost of insurance

BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

DRIVERS are being offered discounts worth as much as £150 from insurance premiums if they undertake special training to avoid accidents.

The scheme by Premium Search, a new direct line insurer based in Northampton, will cut up to 15 per cent from the cost of policies. David Pearce, its managing director, said that drivers could reduce their chances of an accident after extra training. "The extent of training for most drivers is what they do to get through their driving test," he said. "After that, they take no more interest in learning to handle machinery that can cost as much as a house."

Premium Search clients will be offered a day with a firm of risk management specialists at one of 25 centres around the country. A defensive driving course includes theory and a stiff driving examination. The cost is £60 — equivalent to the saving on a £400 fully comprehensive policy.

Tail-end brands fall victim to supermarket war

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE baked beans price wars claimed their most eminent victim this week when Nestlé ended production of Crosse and Blackwell canned goods.

The Swiss food giant bought the 164-year-old brand name in 1960, but no longer sees it having a role as a maker of baked beans, ketchup, salad cream, soups or canned pasta. Other household names, known in the trade as "tail-end brands", will soon follow. Crosse and Blackwell had a 2 per cent share of the canned goods market.

Nestlé blamed the price war in staple foodstuffs for Crosse and Blackwell's demise. "Two years ago the average can of baked beans sold for 29p," a spokesman said. "Recently discount stores were offering tins at 8p, 7p and even in one case 5p. We could not fill tins with fresh air for 7p."

KwikSave, which cuts its price for baked beans from 13p to 8p, and then to 7p in 150 stores in July, made no claim to be making money from increased sales as a result.

The truth, according to Tony MacNeary, grocery analyst with NatWest Securities, was that it cost the company, which is the third biggest retailer of packaged groceries after Sainsbury and Tesco, at least a loss of 7p to 8p on every tin sold at 7p.

Hillsdown, the food manufacturer that supplies own-label goods to big retailers, says it will have to stop making baked beans if the price war continues because it sees no way of retrieving the 16p-a-can production costs.

The price cuts have coincided with a rise in the commodity price of the main ingredient, US-grown navy beans. Though the discounters' cans are usually filled with low-grade Italian beans instead, few customers notice the difference. On the other hand the difference in ingredient cost does nothing to repair the manufacturers' margins.

KwikSave's well-established policy, emulated by rival discounters such as the Danish Netto and German Aldi chains, has been to concentrate its deepest price cuts on a strictly limited number of core purchase products. Besides baked beans and tinned spaghetti the targets have included bread, milk, sugar and disposable nappies.

Nonetheless KwikSave recently lost its title as the cheapest supermarket for staples shopping in a Consumers' Association survey. This summer's results showed that the discounter had itself been undercut by Asda, the superstore chain.

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East dealer — Love all

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♠Q1092 ♥103 ♦8754 ♣A94		♠J7 ♥KJ98542 ♦K6 ♣53
	♠K86 ♥AQ ♦10932 ♣Q862	

W	N	E	S
	Dble	3♥	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	3NT
Pass			

Opening lead: ♥10

In standard bidding the double of a three opening by a player sitting under the call is always for takeout, no matter what takeout convention is used in second position. Plan the play.

Solution: South has to develop diamonds as well as clubs, and if the wrong suit is played first, East's hearts may become established.

East has opened 3♥, so West is expected to have no more than two hearts. South may also assume that while East may hold the ♦K or the ♣A, he is unlikely to hold both. On this basis the contract is safe.

At the second trick, lead a diamond and finesse the queen. If it holds, switch to clubs, ensuring nine tricks.

If the diamond finesse loses and East returns a heart, you should still get home, as the ♣A will surely be with West, who will have no heart to lead when he comes in.

If you tackle clubs before diamonds you go down as the cards lie.

□ Recent errors in this column, for which we apologise, have been due to production difficulties.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Short and Adams exit

Britain's representatives in the world championship semi-finals of the Professional Chess Association, Nigel Short and Michael Adams, were finally eliminated after the seventh games of their matches were drawn. The final scores were a remarkable mirror image. Viswanathan Anand of India scored 5.5 points to Michael Adams 1.5 while Gata Kamsky (USA) won by 5.5-1.5 against Nigel Short.

Salov wins

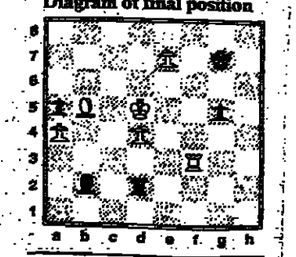
Meanwhile, in the Dutch town of Tilburg, the Russian Grandmaster Valery Salov has defeated his compatriot Grandmaster Evgeny Bareev in the final.

White: Valery Salov
Black: Evgeny Bareev
Tilburg, September 1994

King's Indian Attack

1	Nf3	d5
2	b3	Bg4
3	Bb2	Nd7
4	e3	c6
5	h3	Bh5
6	d3	e6
7	Nbd2	h6
8	g3	Ngf8
9	Bg2	a5
10	a3	Bd6
11	0-0	0-0
12	Qe1	Qb8
13	e4	Bxf3
14	Nxf3	e5
15	Nd2	Rfe8
16	Rb1	Rad8
17	Qe2	Qc7
18	Rbe1	b5
19	Kh2	d4
20	Ra1	Rb8
21	h4	Nb6
22	Rfc1	c5
23	c3	Qd8
24	cxd4	exd4
25	f4	Nfd5
26	Qf3	Nxf4
27	gxf4	Qxh4+
28	Kg1	Bxf4
29	Rxc5	Be3+
30	Kf1	Bxd2
31	Bxd4	Nd7
32	Rd5	Nf8
33	Ke2	Qf4
34	Rf1	Ne6
35	Be5	Qd3+
36	Bxf3	Bg5
37	Bxb8	Rxb8
38	Kf2	Be7
39	a4	bxa4
40	bxa4	Rb2+
41	Kg3	Bb4
42	Bg4	Ng5
43	Bd7	Kh7
44	Rxg5	hxg5
45	Rxf7	Be1+
46	Kh3	Re2
47	Kg4	Re3
48	Rf3	Re2
49	Kxg5	Bd2+
50	Kf5	g6+
51	Ke6	Bc3
52	Kd5	Kg7
53	d4	Bb2
54	Bb5	Rg2
55	e5	g5
56	e6	Rd2
57	e7	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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Snapshot of Britain shows threat to 700 special wildlife sites

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 700 of the country's best wildlife and nature sites face destruction and damage from roads, pollution, tipping, construction and mining, according to a survey published yesterday.

The survey, based on information from 17 councils, statutory bodies and conservation charities, is claimed to be the first and most detailed snapshot of the dangers facing sites of special scientific interest (SSSI) in England and Wales.

Environmentalists claim the findings underscore the impotence of laws enshrined in the Wildlife and Countryside Act, which was designed to protect such sites.

Yesterday, the National Trust and English Nature, the Government's wildlife adviser, declared Hatfield Forest, near Bishop's Stortford in Essex, a national nature reserve.

However, the survey, carried out by Friends of the Earth, includes the forest and its lake as one of the nature sites under threat from water pollution. The National Trust also fears that an additional runway for Stansted airport will lead to more aviation fuel being dumped over the forest.

Lord Cranbrook, chairman of English Nature said the 400-acre National Trust property has an outstanding landscape, combining both historical and conservation interests. It is visited by more than 100,000 people every year. It was given to the trust in 1924 and designated a site of Special Scientific Interest in 1956.

The survey also comes as British Coal has begun clearing a site in West Glamorgan, which includes the Selar Farm Grasslands SSSI, in preparation for open-cast mining. The site, which will be consumed by the operations, is home to the rare marsh fritillary butterfly. Protest groups, including the Butterfly Conservation Society, objected to the scheme, but earlier this year it received the backing of John Redwood, the Welsh Secretary.

Tony Juniper, the senior habitats campaigner of Friends of the Earth, said yesterday the figure of 700, representing 15 per cent of the nation's premiere nature sites, was an underestimate. A significant number of other sites were not being properly managed and would lose the unique habitats which make them special.

The survey shows that the North of England, with 186, has the biggest number of sites under threat. In Cumbria, sites such as Armboth Fells and Esthwaite Water are being affected by acid rain from power stations and traffic. Other are being damaged by peat and mineral extraction.

At Hart Warren Dunes in Co Durham, motorised vehicles are eroding the dunes. In North Yorkshire, Birkham Wood is under threat from widening of the Harrogate southern bypass and Askham bog is under several threats including chemical run off from a nearby golf course.

More than 130 sites in the South East and a similar number in Wales are under threat, the group claims. At least 100 sites are under threat in East Anglia, 95 in the Midlands and 83 in southwest England.

George Hinton of English Nature said it did not collect centrally figures of the number of sites under threat. However, it had identified some 500 sites which have been damaged in the past eight years.

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Bathing water tests 'miss dangerous bug'

SEA bathing may be more of a health hazard than is officially claimed, with swimmers at risk of infections even at resorts that meet European water quality standards (Nick Nuttall writes).

The claims come from researchers at Leeds University who have been studying tests made by the Water Research Centre at four beaches where sewage contamination, as measured by the number of faecal coliforms found in samples, met EC standards. But when volunteers bathed from the beaches at Swansea, Wirral, Southend and Portsmouth for ten minutes, submerging their heads, a significant number later contracted gastro-enteritis.

Professor David Kay, of the Leeds Environment Centre, whose team's findings are published in *The Lancet*, said the illnesses were related to a bacteria called faecal streptococci, which were a much better indicator for northwest European bathing water.

Man who won child support appeal must wait for £1,450 refund

CSA to repay father at £1.49 a week for next 18 years

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A FATHER owed £1,450 by the Child Support Agency has been told he will be repaid at the rate of £1.49 a week for the next 18 years. By the time all his money has been refunded, his children will be aged 25 and 26.

Keith Richards's final repayment in the year 2012 will be for 66p. Now his MP, the Labour leader Tony Blair, is taking up his case with the agency.

Mr Richards, 31, from Sedgefield, Co Durham, is owed the money after the agency wrongly assessed the amount he should be paying for his children Simon, 7, and Jennifer, 8. After a year of trying, Mr Richards finally won an acknowledgement from the agency that he had been overpaying.

He was so delighted he promised his children a holiday, but then he received a letter from the agency saying it would make repayment through a reduction in his contributions over the next 973 weeks.

He said yesterday: "When I got the letter I stood and stared at it in disbelief. I can't believe they have been so miserly as to suggest my money should be paid back at that trivial amount. I will probably be a grandfather by then.

"They are driving people to suicide by suddenly saddling them with massive demands, and yet when they have to pay up for once this is the best they can offer. What would they say if all the fathers who owe money offered to pay them £2 a week for 20 years interest free? It's a disgrace."

Mr Richards, a £150-a-week glass factory worker, had been paying £10 a week to his former wife Jackie, 29, but in May last year the agency increased it to £57.30. He appealed because she had recently returned to work, and eventually he was told he was entitled to a £1,450.53 rebate. But instead of a lump sum he was informed the money would be deducted from his new weekly payments of £28.91.

No interest would be added. It will be 18 years, nine months before the last penny is repaid.

He said: "I was stunned. I had planned a bumper Christmas with the kids and we were planning a great holiday at the start of next year. I was livid that they could show such blatant double standards. They demand their payments immediately. I was one of the first people to be tracked down by the CSA and one of the first to appeal. I wonder how many more people will be getting a nasty shock through the post in the coming weeks.

"The Child Support Agency was a good idea that has gone badly wrong. The money is ending up in the Treasury instead of with the kids. When someone like me gets a break like this they squash it flat with this stupid offer. It's an insult."

Mr Blair said: "When mistakes like this are made they should be rectified as quickly as possible: 18 years is ridiculous." He would be writing to the relevant minister.

The agency said: "When a case like this is brought to our attention we will look carefully at the circumstances. The agency is governed in its operations by the Child Support Act but we are implementing a major new piece of legislation and issues can be thrown up that need looking at to see if any change or clarification may be necessary."

RICHARD RAYNER



Keith Richards with Simon and Jennifer, for whom he had planned a special holiday

Stars of Minder and Morse take new roles on ITV

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Thaw and George Cole, the stars of two of British television's most successful and highly acclaimed drama programmes, *Inspector Morse* and *Minder*, are returning to ITV in new roles next year.

Thaw, whose portrayal of the high-brow Oxford detective Morse helped him to a CBE in 1993, is to star as a barrister in *Kavanagh QC*, produced by some of the original *Morse* team. His new series centres on James Kavanagh, a distinghished lawyer from a humble background who works in the Inner Temple and marries into the aristocracy.

Between 1987 and 1993 *Inspector Morse* was one ITV's most effective weapons in the ratings war. Its last series achieved record audiences of more than 18 million.

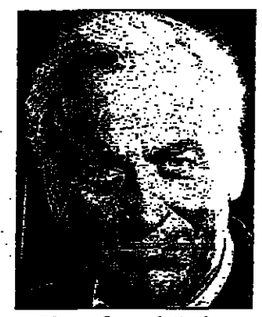
George Cole, who played the west London spiv Arthur Daley in 107 episodes of *Minder* between 1979 and 1993, returns next year in *An Independent Man*, about a maverick local councillor in a London borough.

In his new incarnation, Cole takes the role of Freddy Patterson, who owns a string of hairdressing salons and is persuaded by friends to stand for public office.

The two programmes are part of ITV's 1995 schedule, which also includes a revival of the 1982 situation comedy *Shine on Harvey Moon* with most of the original cast.

Also in production for 1995 is *The Churchills*, a three-part documentary. It is being made by Philip Whitehead, producer of the series *The Kennedys* and *The Windsors*.

The channel has also signed four-year deals with Columbia and Warner Brothers to secure rights to the British terrestrial television premieres of films including *Sister Act*, the Whoopi Goldberg comedy, and *The Bodyguard*, starring Kevin Costner.



Thaw: from detective to distinguished lawyer

☐ The BBC1 drama *Family*, Roddy Doyle's portrayal of a working class family in Dublin screened earlier this year, has won the Prix Europa for Television Programme of the Year in Berlin.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Four die in crossroads collision

Three men were killed immediately and a fourth died in hospital when their estate car was in a late-night crossroads collision with a lorry on the Isle of Wight.

Police were not naming the victims yesterday until next of kin were informed. The driver lived on the island and his passengers, two in their twenties and one in his forties, were thought to be temporary residents. The accident happened on the A3056 at Apse Heath near Sandown.

Stun gun attack

Two men attacked a postman in Rotherhithe, south London, with an electric stun gun and stole Giro cheques worth hundreds of pounds. The postman suffered slight burns and concussion.

Film accident

A technician working on the Richard Gere film *First Knight* suffered serious leg injuries when a 100ft lighting tower toppled into a lake at a Slough country park. The actor was not present.

Mansell is go

Nigel Mansell, the Formula One racing driver, has been given planning permission for a leisure complex at Woodbury Park Golf and Country Club, Exmouth.

Boy's payout

Isle of Wight County Council paid £1,500 in an out-of-court settlement to Steven Kelly, 12, who fractured his arm when he fell on ice in his school playground at Sandown.

£1.5m blunder

A computer error at Camden Council offices, north London, mislaid thousands of unpaid parking fines, resulting in a loss of £1.5 million.

Times Magazine

Some overseas editions of *The Times* on Saturday do not contain copies of the *Magazine*, which is available on subscription. Telephone inquiries to 071-782 6129 or by fax to 071-782 6130.

Police step up patrols on estate

EXTRA police were on patrol in the Lincolnshire market town of Boston last night after two nights of disturbances by youths, some aged as young 10 and 12, on a housing estate.

Police met local councillors and community leaders on the Fenside estate yesterday after a night in which a gang of about 50 broke windows and threw petrol bombs. The trouble was concentrated on one street.

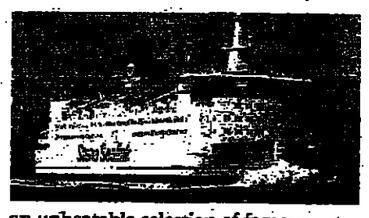
The trouble began on Wednesday night when police stopped a car being driven erratically. They tried to arrest the 15-year-old boy at the wheel but were surrounded by a hostile crowd. The police then withdrew and called for help.

On Thursday night a gang of 30 to 50 gathered again. At least one petrol bomb was thrown and there were several small fires. A car was stolen and then recovered by police as the crowd were about to set it on fire. The youths also smashed every streetlight in one of the streets. Police reserves were brought from other areas and the gang broke up.

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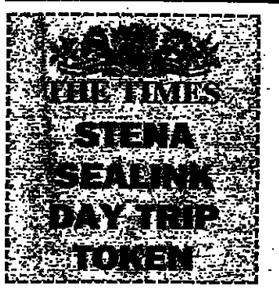
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Watchdog recovers £266m from public fraud and waste

By Michael Dynes
Whitehall Correspondent

MORE than £266 million was saved by the National Audit Office's identification last year of public-sector fraud, mismanagement and waste.

Most of the savings came from correcting errors made by the big Whitehall departments such as Social Security and the Inland Revenue, according to the annual report published yesterday of the Government's spending watchdog. Substantial sums were also recovered from a wide range of other bodies, including executive agencies and quangos.

Systematic audits of some 500 government accounts a year, covering revenue and expenditure in excess of £450 billion, have saved more than £700 million in the past three years, the report said.

A total of 54 cases of attempted or successful fraud at the Public Trust Office, the section of the Lord Chancellor's Department responsible for managing the financial affairs of 30,000 mentally ill patients, were exposed.

Unscrupulous officials and relatives exploited the lax financial controls at the Public Trust Office, which controls assets valued at £780 million, in an attempt to defraud patients of almost £1 million, the report said. Some of the money has since been recovered.

Tighter controls over the distribution of invalidity benefit reduced the Department of Social Security's expenditure by £53 million in 1993-94, and a further £93 million in savings are expected over the next year, the report said.

Greatly improved procedures at the Employment Department for paying unemployment benefit reduced the level of overpayments to claimants from £30 million in 1992 to £9.6 million in 1993.

An investigation into the Defence Ministry's use of telephones earlier this year disclosed the potential for saving millions of pounds. The audit discovered that defence chiefs were paying almost £100,000 a year for three lines that were no longer in use, while other personnel incurred large bills calling up a range of services from weather reports to sex lines.

The audit office was also responsible for monitoring about a hundred quangos, 600 health services bodies, 942 grant-maintained schools, 128 higher education institutions and 2,000 other bodies receiving government grants.

The report described the Government's proposal to introduce so-called resource accounting to all Whitehall departments by the end of the decade as "one of the most important proposals affecting government financial reporting this century". Departments will have to draw up annual balance sheets, similar to those produced by private companies, showing the position of assets and liabilities as well as the cash they have spent.

Blair ditches fuzzy thinking to hone Labour's policies

By Philip Webster and Jill Sherman

TONY Blair is poised to mount a concerted effort next week to sharpen Labour's image and to underline the deep dividing lines he sees between his party and the Conservatives.

He is to use his first speech to the Labour Party conference on Tuesday to spell out Labour's new modern identity and to offer a clear sense of direction for the party and country. He will urge the party to go out and lead public opinion, rather than follow it.

Mr Blair is determined to counter any impression that Labour has moved towards the Conservatives in the search for power and believes the party is crying out for a distinctive message. The Labour leader has told friends that he wants to counter his party's past tendency to present an unclear message, often for reasons of political expediency.

The main policy themes of the conference will be modernising industry and skills to create a successful economy; creating a nation at work not on benefit; rebuilding a responsible society so as to fight crime and anti-social behaviour, and recreating trust between the Government and public.

He will advance a "new left" vision based on opportunity, responsibility, fairness and trust, areas that he feels best reflect where today's Labour party stands and where the Conservatives are at the greatest disadvantage.

On all these issues Mr Blair intends to give a distinct edge to Labour policies. A leadership source said: "He believes Labour in the past has sometimes been too hazy, lacking in distinctiveness.

"Sometimes it has moved from a position of electoral expediency rather than principle and as a result given party and public too vague an idea of what the modern Labour party stands for," the source added. Having staked out the new ground, Mr Blair is determined over the coming year to build a solid programme for government and to give "fresh heart, confidence and strength to the party".

Mr Blair's attempts to reposition the party are expected to be strongly challenged, however, on Monday during debates on the economy and workers' rights. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, will attempt to defuse criticism that Labour is abandoning its traditional values by announcing a crackdown on the "super rich" but activists will press for extra spending on the welfare state and higher taxes for the wealthy.

The most potentially damaging debate for the leadership will be over the national minimum wage, where it could be defeated over its refusal to back a £4.05 hourly rate. However, Mr Blair has already said he would override such a conference decision by insisting that the rate was a matter for Labour's economic commission.

He could be further embarrassed on Wednesday when the conference debates women's quotas. Several constituencies have complained that last year's decision to have all-women shortlists in 50 per cent of marginal seats and vacant seats is unworkable. Mr Blair wants the policy introduced "flexibly".

On Thursday John Hume, leader of the SDLP, will address the conference for the first time before the debate on Ireland.

The other main debates include housing and environment on Tuesday, Europe on Wednesday, public ownership, Clause 4, and health, on Thursday.

John Prescott, the deputy leader, will wind up the conference on Friday with a rallying speech on campaigning and party organisation.

Life at the top

In an interview in *The Times Magazine* today Tony Blair speaks of coming to terms with the burdens of being Labour leader, and bringing up three children. He never thought that he would take over from John Smith, and says: "I believe in politics that if you calculate too much you miscalculate. Therefore there's no point in worrying. If it happens, it happens ..."

JOHN HOULIHAN



Bradford's Asian constituents are angry at their MP's call for a female candidate at the next election

MP's feminism provokes backlash

Ian Murray concludes his look at Asian voters with the Pakistanis who want the best man to win the battle for Bradford North

THE old textile worker terraces that climb the hills of Bradford, now known as Little Pakistan, have become the scene of a tense political drama that is pitting feminism against racial discrimination.

The conflict began in April, 1993, when Max Madden, the MP for Bradford North, announced he would not be standing at the next election and that he hoped his successor would be a woman. His announcement sent shockwaves through the Pakistani community which show no signs of fading.

The constituency is home to the largest concentration of Pakistanis outside Pakistan. They make up 28 per cent of the constituency's population, while in several depressed inner city wards the proportion rises to more than 50 per cent. The community is devoutly Muslim and its women have little public status. Most vote Labour and 11 Pakistani councillors sit in the city hall. None has ever been selected by Labour to stand for a parliamentary seat, however.

Mr Madden is admired by the community for the way he backs Pakistani causes and works hard for race relations. "But he is not one of us and it is time that we had our own voice," says Mustafa Riaz, an unemployed textile worker.

"We have earned the right to be represented by someone from our own community," he said.

Frustration at the way they believed they were ignored by the party machine began to emerge in the mid-1980s. It led a successful businessman, Rangzeb — he has no other name — to stand for the council in 1988.

"I had never thought of getting involved, but I was forced to. There was extreme racism within the party. Black people were being prevented from standing for the council. There was severe resistance to us from white comrades who treated us less favourably. I want to serve at Westminster because I think I am the best person for the job. I agree that there is discrimination against women, but there is even more discrimination against ethnic minorities.

"Mr Madden says he hopes a woman can be chosen from among the Pakistani community but that proposal is not honest. He knows there are very few black women activists capable of doing the job and none in this area who could do it as well as I could," Mr Rangzeb said.

Mr Madden is unrepentant. "I am sure there are good possible women contenders from the ethnic minorities. We have not had a woman Labour candidate in Bradford since 1950 and that is scandalous. It is high time a woman was chosen."

Prescott appoints ally from private sector

By Jonathan Prynn
Political Reporter

JOHN Prescott, Labour's leading advocate of private and public sector partnership, has turned to the world of private commerce to recruit one of his closest aides.

The appointment of Rosie Winterton, 36, the managing director of Connect Public Affairs, as Mr Prescott's political adviser will bring fresh private sector experience to the very heart of Labour's new leadership team.

Ms Winterton, who will take up her post in January, currently specialises in advising trade unions and local authorities on political campaigns and parliamentary lobbying. She has been a director of Connect for four years.

She admitted that "there will be a certain financial penalty to pay" in taking on the new role, like all those who give up posts in the private sector to work for Labour.

Her new responsibilities will include campaigns, party organisation, working between the leadership and head office, and press relations.

The appointment cements a long-standing working relationship dating from 1980 when, as a student at Hull University, Ms Winterton wrote to her local MP, then a backbencher, and asked for a job. She worked for the next six years as Mr Prescott's personal assistant before moving to the Royal College of Nursing and later Connect.



Prescott: a new political adviser

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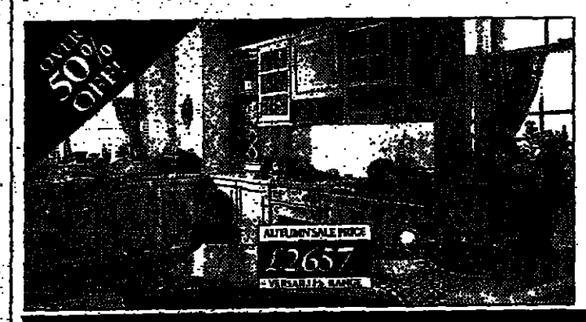
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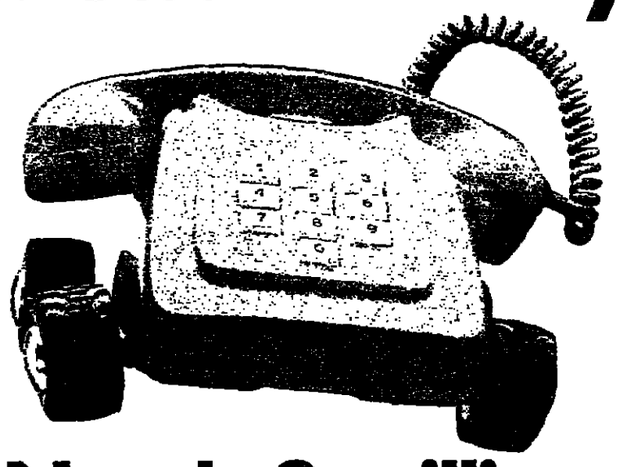
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'His intellect, leadership and pastoral care will be missed by many inside and outside the Church'

Habgood's retirement ends era of division

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

THE retirement of Dr Habgood as Archbishop of York, announced yesterday, will mark the end of an era of controversy and division, when the Church found itself in frequent clashes with the Government as well as its own membership.

Many in the Church had expected Dr Habgood to succeed Lord Runcie as Archbishop of Canterbury in 1991, but he was known to be disliked by Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, who had the final responsibility of submitting one of two names to the Queen. She was understood to be critical of his liberal views on social issues.

Speculation has continued that Dr Habgood's name was first on the list submitted to Mrs Thatcher by the Crown Appointments Commission, but that Dr Carey was chosen in preference.

Dr Carey said yesterday: "John Habgood has been an outstanding bishop and archbishop. His cool, penetrating intellect and wise judgment have made him an impressive spokesman, not just for the Church of England but for Christianity itself.

"I am profoundly grateful for the strong and supportive partnership which we have forged together as fellow archbishops, which will continue until the point of his retirement. He will be missed as archbishop. But we all look forward to benefiting from his scholarship, intellect and wisdom for many years to come."



Habgood: liberal views angered Thatcher

Dr David Hope, who was enthroned by Dr Habgood as Bishop of Wakefield in 1984 before moving to London in 1991, said: "John Habgood has been a devoted, dedicated and diligent Archbishop of York. His intellect, leadership and pastoral care will be missed by many inside and outside the Church of England."

Dr Habgood, an old Etonian and scientist who received his training for the priesthood at Cuddesdon theological college, said: "Many years ago I came to the conclusion that the summer of 1995 would be the right time for me to hand over to the next Archbishop of York.

"In June next year I shall reach my 68th birthday, and will have been a senior bishop for 22 years. I have been eligible for retirement for the past two years and am therefore taking this step neither early nor late, but at what I judge to be the appropriate moment. I look forward in retirement to having more time and opportunity for reflection and writing. Having greatly enjoyed these past 11 years in the diocese, my wife and I are planning to purchase a house in Yorkshire."

He has already tendered his resignation to the Queen, who has accepted it with effect from August 31 next year. Dr Habgood said: "My announcement will give sufficient time for the name of my successor to be known, I hope, by next spring. I ask for prayers for those responsible for making that choice."

Dr Habgood has set no precedent in choosing to go two years early. His predecessor retired at 65.

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Sykes: independent thought and spirit



Santer: among the leading contenders



Eames: Archbishop of Armagh is in line



Holloway: likely to be under consideration

Bishop of Ely favourite to succeed

THE favourite to succeed Dr Habgood will be the Right Rev Stephen Sykes, Bishop of Ely, who was thought to be in line for Durham. When he did not get that, the view was that he was being saved for York (Ruth Gledhill writes).

A former regius professor of divinity at Cambridge who specialises in modern German theology, Bishop Sykes is one of the few intellectuals of independent thought and spirit remaining in the Church today. He cannot be hung with any of the normal party labels, although he has an appreciation of, and draws insights from, all.

He fits in well with the evangelical party because he has well-developed arguments in support of traditional Christian doctrines. He also has a firm grasp of modern intellectual thought outside theology, making him a powerful apologist and earning him the respect of the liberal Anglo-Catholic parties as well.

Bishop Sykes has in his four years at Ely been an exceptionally innovative diocesan bishop. Ely, known in the church as the "Dead See", has been given a new sense of direction by Bishop Sykes. He has instituted a shake-up of its finances, developed a policy on clergy training and concentrated on developing small, rural parishes.

Bishop Sykes could be opposed by some Anglo-Catholics because of his ardent support for women priests, but many will have been mollified by his impeccable pastoral care for traditionalists in his own diocese.

The other leading contender will be the Bishop of Birmingham, Mark Santer. The favourite of the diocese will be Dr Hope, who has been badly missed since his move from Wakefield to London. However, the appointment of a traditionalist of his stature, while placating Anglo-Catholics still smarting from the ordination of women priests, would place Dr Carey in a dilemma because the views of both on key issues are widely different.

Others in line would be the Archbishop of Armagh, Dr Robin Eames, and the Bishop of Edinburgh, Richard Holloway. An outsider will be the Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford. He he is thought to have scuppered his chances by taking to court the Church Commissioners over their investment policies.

Women's ordination splits Anglo-Catholics

By Ruth Gledhill

THE traditionalist wing of the Church is in disarray over the ordination of women priests, a survey showed yesterday.

Most Anglo-Catholics said they would support moves to "secure the consecration of bishops for our constituency", a development which would be illegal and which would lead to an effective schism in the Church of England.

Such a step is, however, considered highly unlikely. Supporters of women priests believe their opponents are using scaremongering tactics to try to forestall the ordination of women bishops.

Of more than 300 clergy and laity questioned, most were unhappy with the system of "flying bishops" set up to give them pastoral care. More than nine in ten said the leaders of Forward in Faith, the traditionalist umbrella group, should if necessary seek consecration of their own bishops.

Since the ordination of more than 1,000 women priests, the traditionalist clergy grouping has split into three factions. Up to 1,000 Anglican clergy have become or are becoming Roman Catholics, some of them priests. Others want to but are having trouble fitting in with the stringent demands of their local Catholic bishops.

A third group remains opposed to women priests but is determined to remain within the Church.

Credo

Papal power has reached a zenith

Michael Walsh

It is hard not to feel a twinge of sympathy for the Vatican press office. The more vehemently Dr Joaquin Navarro Vals insists upon the excellent state of health of Pope John Paul II, the more Vatican watchers draw attention to the tremor in papal hands, the Pontiff's tendency to fall over and the obvious frailty of his general condition.

A trip to the United States has already been cancelled and there must be doubt over all plans for future travel. When he arrived in Croatia a couple of weeks back he could no longer kneel to kiss the ground; two young Croatians held a basin of Croatian soil up to his lips. John Paul has made foreign journeys central to his papacy. He has established a bureaucracy in Rome which sympathises with his outlook, and which he can trust to carry out his policies during frequent absences. He has appointed to bishoprics throughout the world prelates who share his conservative views on theological issues; they do not always share his much more progressive ones on human rights.



He has quite consciously changed the Roman Catholic Church, or tried to change it, to a degree few if any of his predecessors have felt bold enough to attempt. Only a handful would have believed they had the authority to do so.

In a Church which prides itself on a tradition stretching back to Christ as the source of its teaching, recent claims of the Roman pontiffs have been exceedingly untraditional.

Papal claims or at least papal ability to make those claims stick, have risen and fallen over the centuries. It is my bet that with John Paul II they have reached their zenith. There is no way but down. The cardinal electors, gathered in the next conclave, might choose Cardinal Ratzinger to be the first German Pope in nearly 1,000 years. John Paul summoned him to Rome in October 1981 as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith — the guardian of orthodoxy. He has spent nearly 15 years in the office of Grand Inquisitor; an unprecedented period of time. Were he to be voted John Paul's successor, he could be expected to continue the Polish Pope's policies.

It was his Congregation which in June 1990 told theologians they must obey papal teaching with full submission of will and intellect, even though that teaching might be wrong. There is a body of opinion among Roman Catholics which believes, pessimistically, that because the present Pontiff has been so successful in ensuring that men of like mind to himself be appointed to positions of power in the Church, it is inevitable that the next Bishop of Rome will be cast in the same mould. It is not a view to which I subscribe.

There is a tradition of authority in the Church older than that of papal primacy: the sovereignty of the bishop in his diocese. It was endorsed by the Council of Trent and confirmed by Vatican II. Though the pretence has been otherwise, under the present Pope and with the energetic support of Cardinal Ratzinger, that sovereignty has been steadily eroded.

The bishops, or the majority of them, would like it back. That is a thought the cardinal electors, bishops to a man, will take into the conclave.

Michael Walsh is librarian of Heythrop College. His biography of John Paul II will be published on October 25.

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Fabius charged as dazed French put politics in dock

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

CRIMINAL proceedings for poisoning were opened yesterday against Laurent Fabius, a former Prime Minister, in a judicial act capping a month of scandals that have dazed the French political world and unsettled the presidential campaign of Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister.

M Fabius, the Socialist who was President Mitterrand's Prime Minister a decade ago, was notified of the provisional charges by a new state court which is investigating the HIV blood scandal. Two of M Fabius's former ministers were also put under investigation in the first attempt to hold the political leaders of the time to account for the infection of 2,500 people who received transfusions in 1985. Some 400 so far have died from Aids.

Along with Georgina Dufoix and Edmond Hervé, the two former Health Ministers, M Fabius has insisted on his innocence and blamed the decision to distribute contaminated blood on the officials under their command. They would face long prison terms if brought to trial.

By bringing politicians to book, the proceedings mark a turning point in one of the most potent scandals in recent French history. They also compound the discredit which has drenched the political and business establishment of late, encouraging talk of an Italian-style crisis at the heart of public life. The malaise began under the Socialists in the late 1980s but it has been fuelled by the current prosecution of dozens of national and local politicians and a string of captains of industry. Cynicism towards political life has been sharpened, especially for the Left, by M Mitterrand's disclosures of his service for the wartime Vichy state.

"France has become a strange country, something between Italy and Mexico," *Le Figaro*, the pro-Gaullist daily, said yesterday as the government of M Balladur endured its most damaging scandal since winning last year's election. At the centre is Gérard Longuet, the Industry Minister and leader of the centre-right Republican Party, a member of the coalition.

M Balladur drew widespread criticism for delaying a judge's request for a criminal investigation into the financing of M Longuet's holiday villa at St Tropez. The politically motivated order to Pierre Mehaignerie, the Justice Minister, breached the aura of integrity which M Balladur has cultivated since taking office and which is one of his main weapons in the race to succeed M Mitterrand next spring. M Longuet yesterday reversed his earlier refusal and said he would resign if, as expected, he is eventually charged. "I just did not want to be executed by a press story," he said.

That remark reflects the rival analyses of the rash of investigations by examining magistrates into payments by business to political parties and their leaders. While pundits and the far-right parties are diagnosing rot at the heart of public life, M Balladur and M Mitterrand say the investigations are both a proof of healthy democracy and also a consequence of unrestrained judicial zeal. "This is not an Italian situation which is characterised by state weakness and Mafia activity. There is nothing of that in France," M Balladur said yesterday.

A senior figure in his own coalition disagreed. Charles Millon, the parliamentary leader of the UDF, the centre-right's umbrella group, said: "Corruption is a real cancer in our democracy." He said that ordinary people felt the country had been hijacked by a greedy elite.

Such remarks must be taken in the context of the battle among the conservative groups for influence in the presidential race. The UDF, which was created by President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in 1976, is vital to M Balladur's attempt to win centrist support beyond his own Gaullist party, still controlled by Jacques Chirac, its leader. M Balladur's strategy could come apart if another current investigation into M Longuet's party ends, as widely predicted, with charges that also implicate two other Republican ministers, François Léotard, the Defence Minister, and Alain Madelin, the Economic Development Minister.

Many pundits believe the combination of presidential race and political malaise will bring about the collapse of the three main parties. The Socialist Party, founded by M Mitterrand in 1971, is already in deep coma, bludgeoned by its electoral defeats, the blood scandal and the President's recent confession. The UDF and the Gaullists, also born in their current form in the 1970s, are also unlikely to survive the fallout from the Balladur-Chirac feud.



Fabius: faces trial over blood scandal



Members of the delegation from the Commonwealth of Independent States finding a speech being delivered by President Aliyev of Azerbaijan, to the meeting of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, less than fascinating

Ceausescu's shade still darkens Romania

■ *On her tour of East Europe five years after the fall of communism, Anne McElvoy looks at Romania, where old autocratic habits have guaranteed a degree of stability*

The House of the People, final folly of Romania's former dictator, Nicolae Ceausescu, is returning to life. The 900-room building, second only to the Pentagon in scale, bustles with workmen. Young functionaries wearing garish jackets and the hawkish expression of those tasting ambition for the first time stride along the freshly painted corridors.

After Ceausescu was shot by an army firing squad as the most bloody of Eastern Europe's revolts swept the cowed country in December 1989, his unfinished palace was viewed as an embarrassment. All work was suspended, dust-sheets thrown over the marble floors and furnishings which whole factories had been ordered to produce for the glory of the *Conducator*. Now at least part of the vast monstrosity is to be opened, as a conference centre, and the Romanian parliament is to move here next year.

The massive funding for the completion of the building was granted on the orders of President Iliescu, the former Ideology Minister under Ceausescu in the 1970s and a life-long member of the Communist party. This is not the only regard in which President Iliescu represents a link to the Communist past. He infamously brought angry miners from the provinces to Bucharest, first in 1990 and then in the following year, and manipulated their deployment as street-fighters whenever he felt his authority under threat.

Today Ion Iliescu's administration is full of former highly placed Communists like the Health Minister, Julian Minku, who in the same post under Ceausescu upheld a campaign abolishing contraception and abortion for the sake of a population drive.

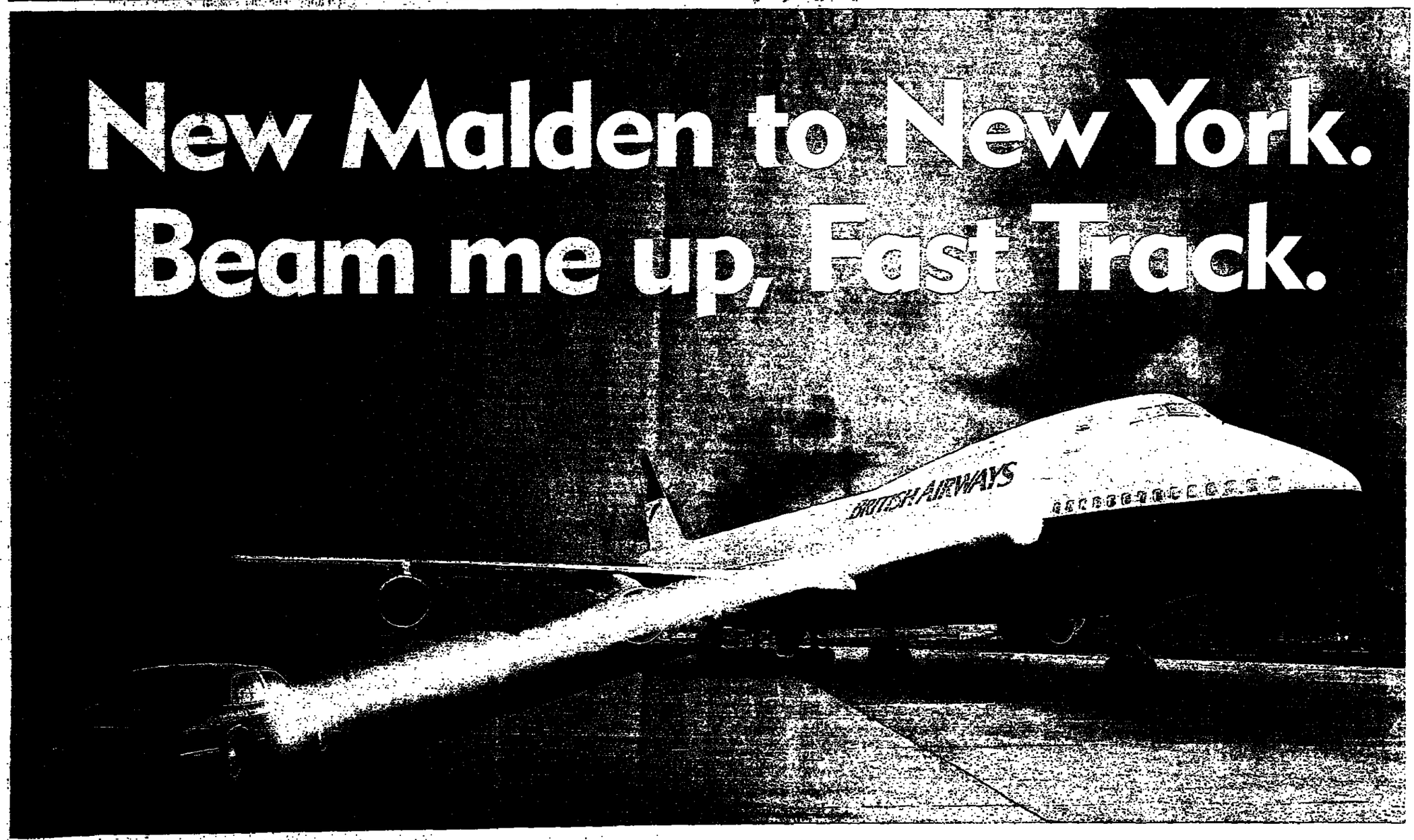
Liberals in Bucharest are fiercely divided on Mr Iliescu's leadership. Radu Filipescu, who runs the liberal Group for Social Dialogue, believes the President has restored confidence and stability to the shattered country. "He still treats those who disagree with him as enemies rather than opponents," he said, "but by incorporating a bridge between past and present in his person he helps dissolve the tensions which are still dangerous in our society."

Bucharest suffers from the problems of poverty, street children and bad hygiene which are legacies of Ceausescu's misrule. Crime is relatively low, however, and the city has recovered a hint of its prewar flair as the "Paris of the Balkans".

President Iliescu has steered a staunch anti-inflation course and garnered the blessing of the International Monetary Fund for his firm handling of the economy. Privatisation lurches along unevenly with vast, unprofitable factories continuing to churn out goods which can just about sell in the Third World, but the government is also prone to flashes of radicalism, like abolishing all state ownership of apartments and forcing the population to buy their residences.

The problem President Iliescu poses for the West is whether his economic performance and steadiness amid ethnic tension in the Balkans, and sober handling of tension over the Hungarian minority at home, should earn him acceptance, even though he has used violent methods to remain in power.

Mr Iliescu is lobbying hard to be received in London and often complains to foreign diplomats that he is tarred with his predecessor's reputation. But memories of the ghastly Ceausescu state visit in 1978 remain strong. "The shadow of Ceausescu is very long," said Mr Filipescu. "It will continue to dog us for many more years, until there are real democratic conditions here, maybe in 20 years."



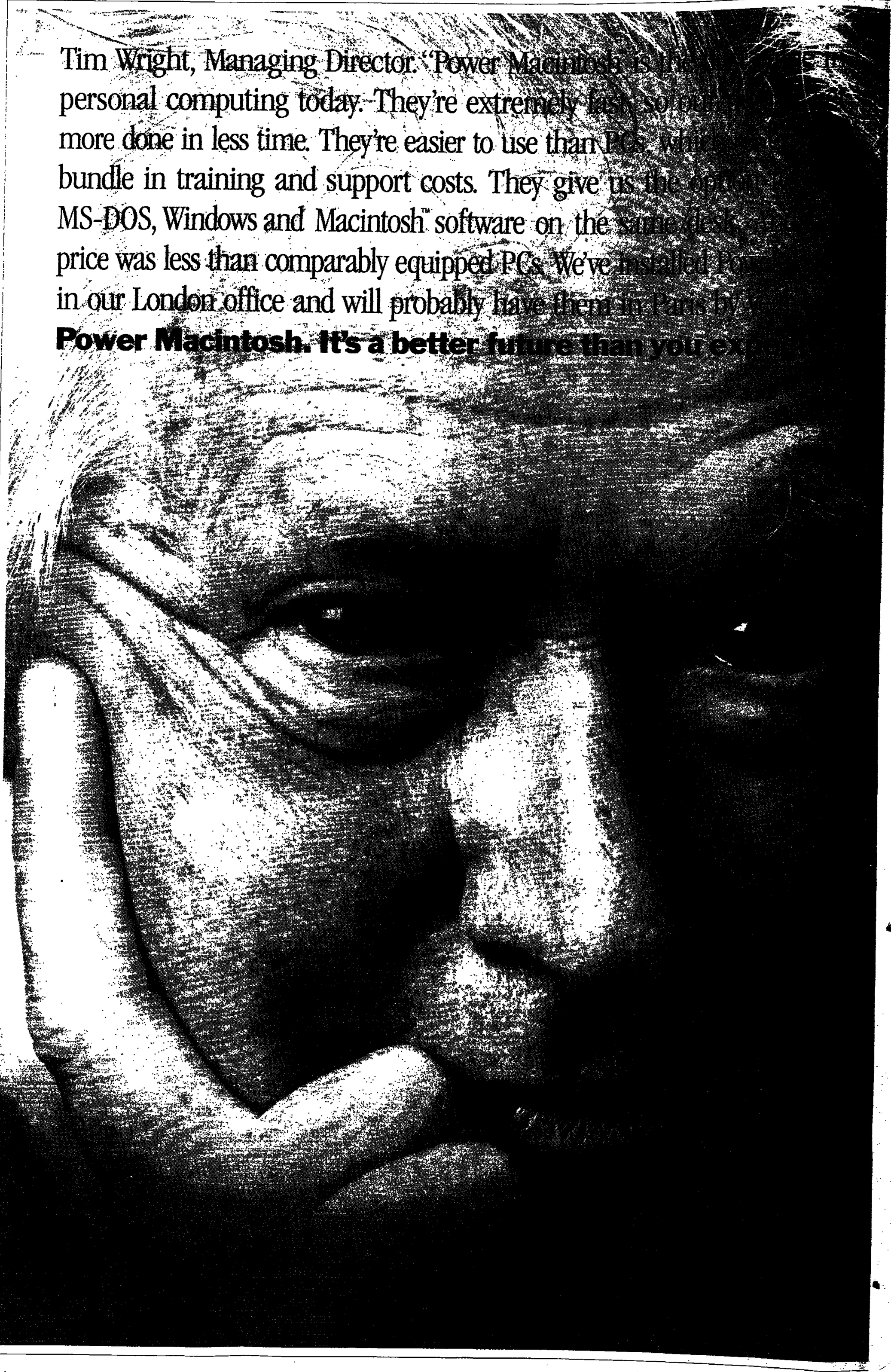
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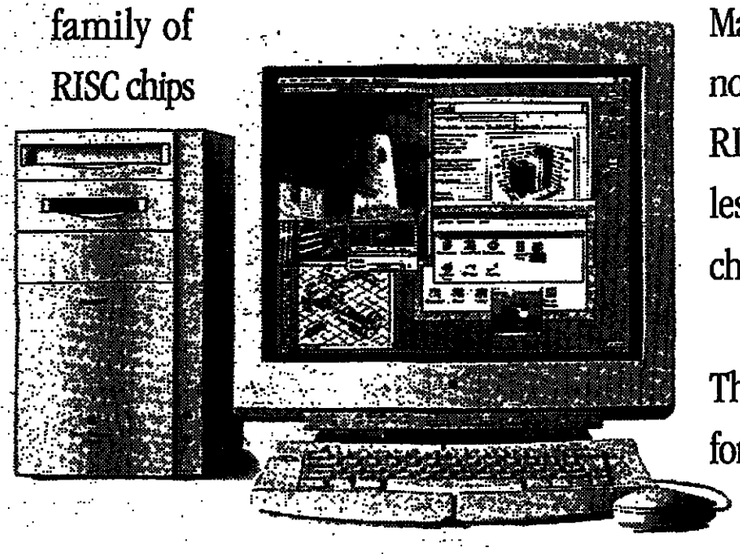
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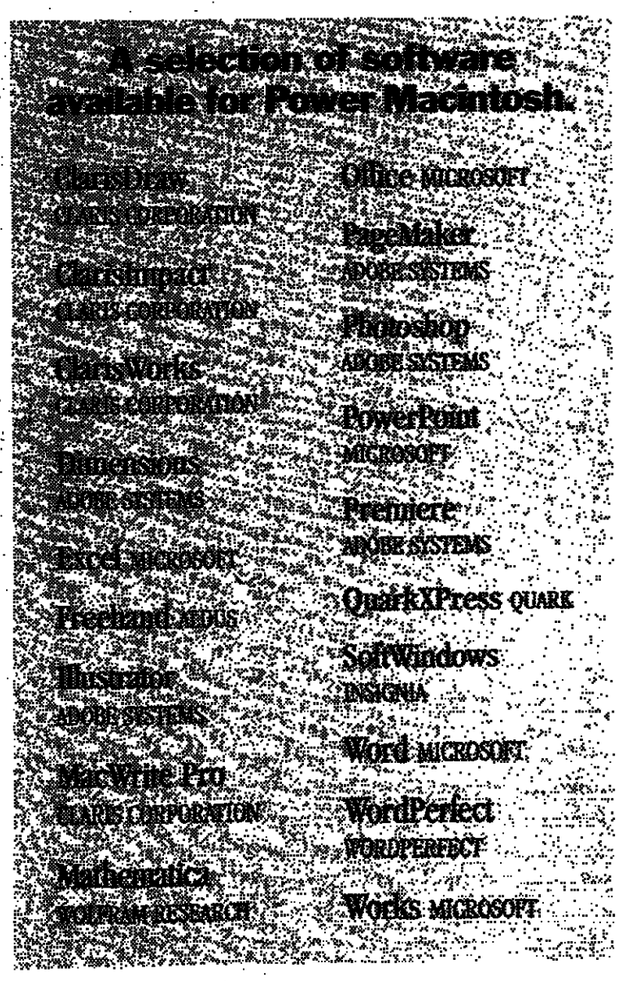
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Aftermath of tragedy: recrimination follows bewilderment



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World ferry operators demand answers to Baltic catastrophe

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

THE operators of 4,600 car ferries around the world were last night anxiously waiting for the answers to why the *Estonia* tragedy happened.

Firstly, how long did it take for the disaster to develop? And, secondly, what triggered the sequence of events which led to the vessel rolling over and plunging 250 feet to the seabed with most of the 909 victims of Europe's worst ferry disaster trapped inside its hull?

The man who knows the answer to the first question, Captain Aavo Piht, is being sought by the authorities. Captain Piht, whose whereabouts are still unknown, was one of two captains on board the *Estonia* as it left Tallinn almost exactly on time at 7 pm on Tuesday evening, bound for Stockholm.

As in any major accident, the initial recollections of traumatised witnesses almost invariably turn out to be mistaken. In the *Estonia* disaster the reports vary widely with some remembering that they heard "rumblings" or "bangs" at least half an hour before the ferry sank, to others who insist that it was all over in five minutes.

If the ferry took half an hour to sink, why weren't passengers warned earlier? And why did the radio operator not make an emergency Mayday call until it was too late? If such worrying noises were heard so long before the final catastrophe, were they the sound of cars and heavily laden lorries sliding around as the 15,600-ton ship rolled in the 20 ft waves whipped up by the Baltic storm? Or had the ferry struck an underwater object, perhaps even an old wartime mine, of which there are several hundreds still in the area? Why did the crew not act much more quickly upon these noises?

Some reports, made with the benefit of hindsight, say that at least six other ferries operating in the same seas have had problems with seals holding the giant, hydraulically operated inner sea-proof doors in place. If these reports are correct, did the operating companies take action to prevent the leaks happening?

Once the *Estonia* was in its death throes, were the lifeboats deployed properly? It would appear that few, if any, were lowered, perhaps because the crew did not have time to do so. The liferafts, made by a British company, are designed to inflate automatically when they are thrown from the side of the ship. They are tethered to a fixed point through a line which, when about 25 metres from the side of the ship, pulls open a gas cylinder and inflates the raft. The bright orange top of the raft is supposed to be easily seen by rescuers and provide some protection for those inside. There are pockets which fill with water and stabilise the underside of the raft.

Yet many of those spotted by the search helicopters and ships were upside down in the water and empty. For the last two days this has been puzzling marine safety experts. It is possible, they believe, that the ship turned turtle so quickly that the liferafts were thrown onto the ship's keel rather than into the sea, and therefore inverted before they even reached the waves. Britain, with 51 million passengers carried on 84,000 sailings by 140 ferries from ports each year, has good reason to be concerned about the cause of the *Estonia* disaster. Claim and counter-claim are made about the safety of travelling by ship. Between 1988 and 1993 there were 50,680 deaths on the roads in Europe, 222 on railways, 196 in aircraft and 68 by sea.

All ferries operating to and from British waters have to comply with a strict safety standard designed to ensure that they cannot move before their bow doors have been sealed.

The robots now probing the wreck on the seabed may resolve some of these questions. Other ferry operators and millions of passengers want the answers as soon as possible.

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Mood turns from sorrow to anger

FROM NICHOLAS GEORGE IN STOCKHOLM

SOREN Carlsson, a male nurse treating survivors of the Baltic tragedy, gave a warning of what to expect. "Today there is sorrow, the anger will come tomorrow."

First there were scenes of bewilderment, newspapers with the headline: "Why?". A clergyman at a service in Stockholm Cathedral sighed: "Where were you, God? Were you asleep?"

But the anger Mr Carlsson talked of is coming, fuelled by the chaos and confusion which has no place in the orderly, controlled world of a Swede. From the outset, some relatives had complained of the chaotic passenger lists being put out by the Estline company, the Estonian government and the rescue authorities. For relatives the failure to provide firm information has increased worry, but for the nation there seems no fixed mark to grieve over: no final number of the dead, no end to the scale of the disaster.

Swedes are also having their faith in the authorities tested. Law-abiding and responsible, they have been shocked by the news that ferry companies failed to report previous problems with ships' bow doors.



A crewman from a Swedish ferry, the *Mariella*, inspecting the bow doors in Stockholm yesterday. The bow doors are being blamed for the *Estonia* tragedy

Swedish town goes into mourning for mothers

FROM REUTER IN STOCKHOLM

CHILDREN aged under five were not registered among the passengers of the *Estonia* and rescue officials said yesterday that the exact numbers of those killed may never be known.

Youngsters who were asleep in their cabins probably never had a chance as the ship capsized and sank but those who were taken on deck and into the freezing water of the Baltic sea did not have much greater hope. A rescuer found an infant's body on a life-raft beside that of an adult.

Mats Finnanger, a 12-year-old Norwegian boy, whose father and one sister are among the more than 800 missing from about 1,050 passengers and crew, was the youngest survivor.

"He is not talking much," Joukko Viljanto, a paediatrician at a hospital in the Finnish port of Turku, said.

Police said many more small children drowned than was previously thought, but it seems impossible to be able to give precise figures. "There are no small children in our papers, not even one," said Risto Reinila, a policeman in Turku, which has become the headquarters for the massive rescue operation. Asked if the number of dead children beyond the official lists could be large, Mr Reinila said: "It seems so."

In Finland, many bodies taken from the sea were being put in cardboard coffins with no names or addresses and only numbers for identification. About 140 people survived.

In addition to the unknown number children who died, many others, who were either rescued from the sea or who had not gone on the trip, have been left without one or both parents.

All flags in Lindesberg, a small town in central Sweden, were flying at half-mast on Thursday. The town has 22 children whose mothers were among 31 cooks from the town who were on the ferry from Tallinn, Estonia, to Stockholm. All of them are believed to have died.

"Where I live in Fellingsbro 18 children lost their mothers," said Sune Hellberg, a member of the 24-hour crisis group created in the town. "We have groups out at all the homes to make sure everyone has visitors so no one will be alone," he said.

Volunteers from nearby communities came to help the mourning citizens of Lindesberg. Teachers, psychologists and churchmen have joined the crisis groups and are meeting some children at schools. The youngest motherless child is 18 months old. "Even if one is professional and well-trained, how does one tell a six-year-old that his mother will never come back?" *Expressen*, the Swedish daily newspaper, asked.

☐ **Dartford:** An appeal for money for relatives of people killed in the Baltic ferry disaster has been started in this town in Kent. Estonian and Union flags are flying at half mast in Dartford which has had close links with the former Soviet republic since it gained independence in 1991.

Bernard Smith, the town's Mayor, said: "We are deeply shocked. We have many friends in Tallinn and they all know someone who has been lost in the disaster. We have today launched an appeal for cash to help the relatives. We will do everything we can to help people in Estonia."

Self-doub grips a nation in need of certainty

FROM RICHARD BESTON IN TALLINN

OLEV Rosma knelt on grassy knoll by Tallinn's posing Margaret Fortress placed his lighted candle side the other wreaths at foot of the giant cross overlooking the harbour.

Like hundreds of other mourners in the Estonian capital, he had come to pay homage to the lost ferry crew and passengers. "I have been sailing the Baltic all my life, but we have never experienced anything like this," said the seaman, who knew some of the Estonian crew. "I cannot believe it happened. They were professional, competent seamen who would never have set sail if the ship had not been seaworthy."

Nearly everyone in the country of one million has lost a friend or a relation in the *Estonia* disaster.

As the official period of mourning ends, the sense of shock in Tallinn is giving way to national self-doubt.

Although the causes of the accident are not yet known, there are growing doubts about the competence of the Estonian crew and the authorities. "That ship was 10 per cent better run when they had Swedish seamen, but they got rid of them because Estonians were cheaper," said one former Soviet naval officer. "They were in too big a hurry to make money." There is also dismay in Tallinn that

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an accurate passenger list has not been made available by Estline, the company which ran the *Estonia*, and which is half-owned by the Estonian government.

The government in Tallinn has grown increasingly defensive about the allegations. "Even though the ship *Estonia* went to the bottom, it does not mean that Estonia collapses, even though this is a catastrophe that will be remembered for centuries," said Isidrek Tarand, the chancellor of the Foreign Ministry, who defended the competence of the Estonian sailors.

One month ago, the streets of Tallinn reverberated to open-air rock music as thousands celebrated the withdrawal of the last Russian forces, seen as a turning point in the country's fortunes.

More than any other former Soviet republic, Estonia had made giant steps towards becoming a modern and efficient state with market reforms and a stable economy.

Since then, the image of Estonia's success has been dented. Mart Laar, the youthful Estonian Prime Minister credited with the economic turnaround, is expected to resign next month after he lost a parliamentary vote of confidence following a scandal over misappropriated funds.

Estonia's booming tourist trade from other Baltic countries could now be at risk unless visitors are satisfied that the country's ships are safe.

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Rhetoric in ranks of ANC revives menace of racism

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

■ South Africa's progress towards reconciliation after apartheid is being threatened six months after democratic elections by President Mandela's colleagues

SINCE the African National Congress swept to power early this year President Mandela has been universally praised for his efforts to bury racial animosity in South Africa. But six months later it appears moves towards reconciliation are being hampered by members of his own party.

The race issue has surfaced on several occasions recently, most notably during violent protests in Coloured townships southwest of Johannesburg. Angry residents, who set up burning barricades, demanded a flat-rate monthly charge for services and the writing off of all arrears. Tokyo Sexwale, Prime Minister of the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging region, which includes Johannesburg, dismissed their motives as racist and accused the National Party of manipulating the protesters. "We saw racism hiding behind the flat rate," he declared.

Protest leaders hit back by accusing the ANC of neglecting the Coloureds. "The new government is the same as the apartheid government," said Shahien Ismail, vice-chairman of the South Western Joint Civic Association. "If it does not get better, we'll call for an election again."

The Coloureds were demanding the same treatment as that given to residents in neighbouring black townships. Mr Sexwale seemed to have realised that playing the race card was unwise and quickly changed his tune, promising to meet the demands.

Mr Sexwale's behaviour seems odd unless, critics say, it is seen in the context of divide and rule. "There are ANC members who are using race as a shield to hide behind when things do not go their way," a former senior member of the organisation said. "Some think that they are above criticism because what they have been through. By playing on racial fears, they hope to obscure the real issues and ensure that they do not lose support among black constitutents." The racial rhetoric may be designed to pander to grassroot ANC supporters. Bulelani Ngcuka, the group's chief whip in the Senate, recently criticised Mr Mandela for not appointing blacks as ambassadors and to senior government posts. The President accused his own colleagues of populism, saying they had been caught up in media propaganda.

The National Party claimed that Senator Ngcuka's remarks were an indication that a group in the ANC wanted to reintroduce apartheid in a different form. Leaving party rhetoric aside, the consequences of inflammatory public statements by ANC members could be far-reaching. Some political observers expect protests to spread to other Coloured areas in the atmosphere of fear.



President Mandela, above, left South Africa last night for America, where he will address the UN General Assembly on Monday, and meet Boutros Boutros Ghali, the Secretary-General (Michael Hamlyn writes). On Tuesday, Mr Mandela will go to Washington for two days of talks with President Clinton, and on Thursday will address a joint sitting of Congress. The South African leader will also receive an honorary doctorate in law from Howard University and give a speech to the National Press Club.

Professor Hein Willemse, of the University of the Western Cape, said that the ANC had encouraged people to see themselves as separate communities during April's elections: This fostering of ethnic divisions has been reinforced by some of its policies and appointments to the Cabinet. "They continue to speak about national groups; this reinforces differentiation," he said.

□ **Cape Town:** Opposition parties yesterday demanded an independent probe into reports that the state-owned weapons agency Armscor tried to sell arms to Angola's sanctions-hit Unita rebels.

A Defence Ministry spokeswoman, Muff Andersson, said the reports would be submitted to an inquiry into a mystery cargo of 25,000 assault rifles and more than 13 million rounds of ammunition offered for sale by Armscor.

The opposition Democratic Party and the National Party called for an independent investigation of the arms shipment which is said to have been spurned by Lebanon. "If the government and Armscor will not adopt transparency and openness, then the probe should be done by the parliamentary joint standing committee on defence," said the Democratic Party defence spokesman, Douglas Gibson.

The Nationalists called for an urgent inquiry into the report that the weapons had been destined for Unita. South African newspapers reported that Eeben Barlow, director of the mercenary agency Executive Outcomes, had claimed the consignment was put together for Unita.

Armscor said last week the shipment had been intended for Lebanon but the deal went sour after details were leaked to the media. *(Reuter)*

Seoul rich terrorised by young have-nots

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN SEOUL

A SERIES of murders carried out by a young gang in Seoul has horrified South Korea and triggered debate about growing social malaise and a widening income gap as the economy booms.

The six members of the "Chijon Family" gang were arrested by police last week after allegedly killing and eating the flesh of five victims in July.

Since their arrest, the men — all in their early twenties — have been portrayed by local media as disaffected and deprived urban young who embarked on a Robin Hood-style mission against the rich. One gang member told reporters after his arrest that the gang committed the crimes "because the gap between the haves and have-nots has become too wide, and we were fed up with being the have-nots".

According to police, the gang was formed last June expressly to terrorise wealthy Koreans. Victims were selected from a list that the gang illicitly obtained from a luxury department store in Seoul. One commentator said the gang's actions "showed the depths of antipathy that needy people are beginning to feel toward the well-to-do".



South Korean environmentalists using a statue of Admiral Yi Sun Shin, a national hero who repelled a Japanese invasion force 400 years ago, to protest yesterday about worsening air pollution in Seoul

NEWS IN BRIEF

Azerbaijan officials murdered

Baku: Azerbaijan's army, police and security forces were put on alert here yesterday after two top officials were murdered in separate attacks. Unidentified gunmen shot dead Afiyaddin Jalilov, the deputy chairman of parliament, and Shamsi Ragimov, President Aliyev's security chief. *(Reuter)*

Russian crash

Moscow: Six people died when an Antonov-8 passenger plane, with 19 people on board, crashed on take-off from Chaibukha airport in the Russian Far East. *(AP)*

Drug hangings

Singapore: Three heroin traffickers, a Singaporean and two Malaysians, have been hanged at Changi prison, the Singapore central narcotics bureau said. *(Reuter)*

Tumour cut out

Jakarta: Indonesian doctors removed a tumour weighing 77lb from the womb of a 20-year-old East Javanese woman. She had had the growth for four years. *(Reuter)*

Tapie sentence

Toulon: Bernard Tapie, the French politician, was given a four-month suspended prison sentence for punching a television reporter and throwing a camera into the sea. *(Reuter)*

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	£25,000+	5.65	4.24	–	–
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Annual	£10,000+	6.05	4.54	5.90	4.43
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Extra Income	£1+	–	–	2.15	1.61
High Income	£1,000+	–	–	3.60	2.70
High Interest	£1,000+	3.65	2.74	–	–
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Deposit		0.60	0.45	–	–
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	£10,000+	4.00	3.00	–	–
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	£25,000+	5.20	3.90	–	–
	£10,000+	–	–	4.30	3.23
Spa TESSA 1*		5.35	–	–	–
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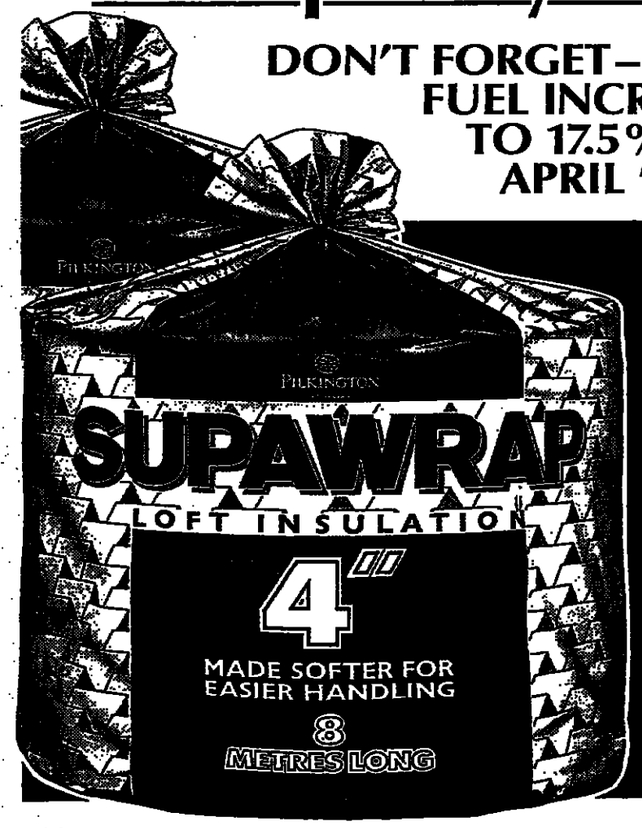
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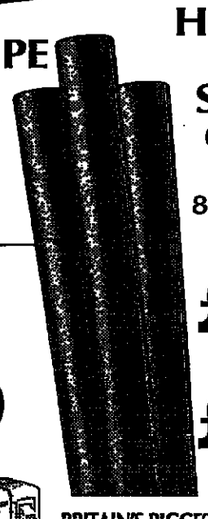


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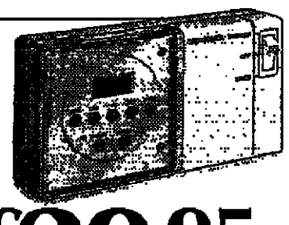
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Pro-Aristide supporters mark coup anniversary in huge Port-au-Prince protest

Americans seize Haiti regime's TV and radio

FROM TOM RHODES IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

AMERICAN troops seized Haiti's state-run television and radio yesterday as US officials accused the military regime's media of inciting violence. They are to be turned over to Haiti's legitimate government. Soldiers, armed with M16 rifles, arrived in tanks and armoured jeeps to surround the buildings at about 2am, evacuated them and put them under American control.

The US Embassy spokesman, Stan Schrager, said the operation fell under the American forces' mandate to ensure security. "These stations by right belong to the legitimate government of President [Jean-Bertrand] Aristide," he said, referring to the Haitian leader overthrown in the 1991 military coup. He is due to return by or after October 15, the day that Lieutenant-General Raoul Cédras and other coup leaders have promised to step from power.

"They [the official media] incite people to violence and stir up nationalist fervour, and that can be very dangerous," Mr Schrager said, adding that television had been broadcasting anti-American and anti-Aristide rhetoric.

The largest demonstration in Haiti for years yesterday marked the third anniversary of the coup, amid the tightest security yet employed by the occupying American forces.

Tanks had been placed at main road junctions in the capital, and US troops were at street corners asking civilians to keep the pro-democracy march peaceful.

There was little sign of compromise from either the military-backed government or the more radical of Mr Aristide's supporters. Emile Jonassaint, the illegal president, has accused American forces of endangering the accord of Port-au-Prince that he signed with Jimmy Carter, the former US President, and has called for three days of mourning for the Haitian security men killed by US Marines at the beginning of the week.

Before the march, at a memorial service at the Notre Dame cathedral to honour victims of the military coup, Father Yves Voltaire gave a simple message: Mr Jonassaint and Lieutenant-General Cédras must go. "We must be determined for the cycle of violence to come to an end. There must be no more coups in Haiti," he said. "But before reconciliation there must be justice."

There were no US troops at the cathedral, where security was handled instead by a pro-Aristide peasant organisation.

The service brought together several democratic movements. As well as priests, there were politicians such as the former Prime Minister, Robert Malval, left-wing intellectuals and many others who had been fomenting the new democracy under cover.

The US Ambassador, William Swing, joined in hymns in Creole, his security entourage occupying several pews.

Each priest and many worshippers wore badges depicting Mr Aristide. They carried flowers which were to be thrown into the sea to honour boat people who had perished attempting to flee to Cuba or Florida. Doves of peace and hope were to be released.

During the morning the streets were relatively calm except for the now commonplace looting around the port.

Violence started at around midday. A pro-junta Attaché fired his revolver into a crowd of demonstrators, seriously wounding two. The crowd chased him and beat him to death with an iron bar. His body lay in the gutter not far from the US Embassy as the demonstration moved on.





A Haitian man, left, being beaten by a crowd who suspect him of involvement in Thursday's grenade attack on demonstrators in Port-au-Prince. Above, a US soldier protects the man from the mob

Grenade suspect rescued from mob

FROM REUTER IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

SLUM dwellers saved a Haitian army sergeant from probable lynching in Port-au-Prince because he had protected the neighbourhood from thieves. The incident on Thursday followed a grenade attack on demonstrators supporting the exiled President, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, that left five people dead and 43 injured.

A group of men chased Benjamin Excellent from his house and beat him down a back alley, accusing him of being a member of the paramilitary Tontons Macoute. Residents ran to the man's defence and hid him until Haitian police arrived to escort him home. He later emerged in military uniform. "He is a good Haitian, he is a good Haitian," shouted local people, who called for Lieutenant-General Raoul Cédras, the military leader, to be jailed. "He does no harm to us ... he protected us from robbers," a woman said. Thursday's grenade had been thrown at pro-democracy marchers celebrating the return to office of Evans Paul, the Mayor of Port-au-Prince.

American troops subsequently intervened to save a man suspected of responsibility for the grenade in the Haitian capital, who was about to be lynched by a mob armed with rocks and planks. One US soldier stood with his boot on the man's neck as crowds screamed "Macoute".

Fear of disorder forces US to break troops limit

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

■ The Pentagon's justifications for sending more men to Haiti recall the excuses for escalation during the Vietnam War

THE American presence in Haiti has been rapidly enlarged amid fears in Washington that conditions are slipping into chaos, with violence and looting increasing.

By yesterday there were 19,600 American forces in Haiti, after a ceiling of 15,000 was announced last weekend by William Perry, the Defence Secretary. Sixteen US naval ships had 9,200 troops and sailors on board, some of whom were expected to go ashore this weekend. The Americans have more heavy armour on the streets of Port-au-Prince than originally envisaged. Twenty-nine tanks and 14 Bradley fighting vehicles were on hand for yesterday's pro-democracy demonstration and some were used in the takeover of the state radio and television station. Another 20 Bradleys are ready to be landed in Haiti if needed.

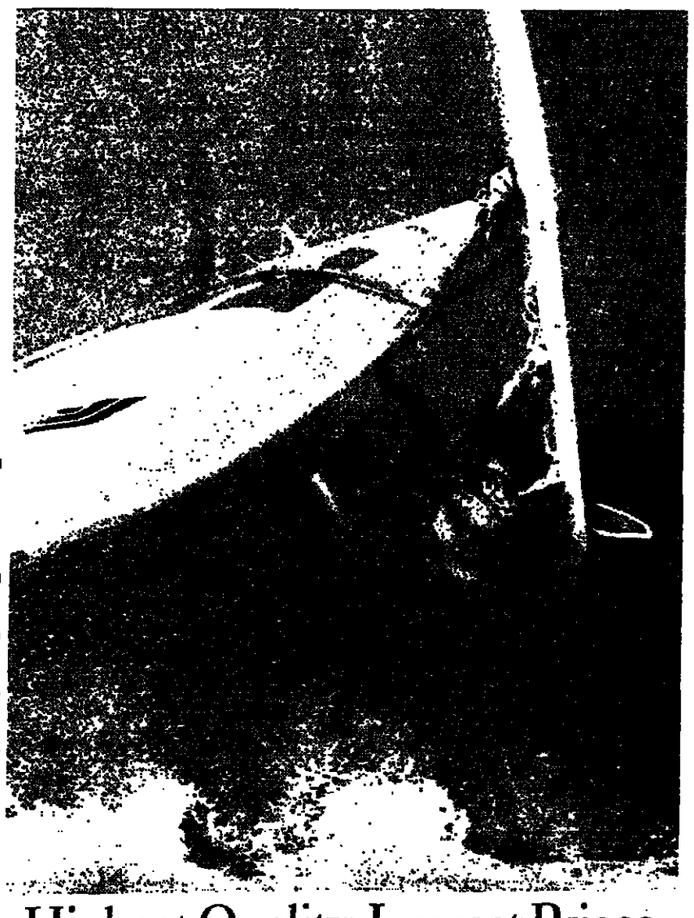
"We want to make sure we have all the assets necessary in Haiti to be able to deal with whatever we might be confronted with," Dennis Boxx, the Pentagon spokesman said, in a comment reminiscent of the justification for the constant "escalation" of troops in Vietnam until there were more than half a million. Mr Boxx gave several reasons for the increased deployment, including the potential for violence and the need for 1,800 US Marines in Cap-Haïtien in northern Haiti, where internal security collapsed after ten policemen were killed by Marines last weekend.

For the second day running yesterday, CNN carried pictures from Port-au-Prince of mobs looting shops with no interference from nearby American troops. To add to the volatile mix, 1,150 troops from Bangladesh are due to arrive in Haiti on Tuesday, plus 270 soldiers from Caribbean nations and 1,000 police monitors from 27 countries. These token forces were offered after considerable arm-twisting by President Clinton to support the notion that the operation is multinational.

The monitors are supposed to accompany Haitian police on patrols to curb human rights abuses and to teach police skills. The monitors will be armed, but can use their weapons only to defend themselves or to intervene in extreme cases of police brutality. Until now the police have acted as enforcers for the junta and could present the monitors with a formidable task.

Warren Christopher, Secretary of State, said the American military presence was being increased to a new peak, to be decided by the Pentagon, because "we don't want to leave any question as to our ability to control and dominate the scene". He urged reporters to remember that the demonstrations were in support of democracy.

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Adams roadshow sells America a bright new star

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE United States has become the diplomatic canvas on which the competing sides in the Northern Ireland conflict come to paint their views, and the result, for many Americans, is a confusing pointillist picture of contrasting shapes and colours.

As Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, and Michael Mates, the former Government minister, slugged it out in the media spotlight and observers in Britain avidly totted up the points, word came that representatives of the loyalist paramilitaries are also planning to come to the United States to put their opinions before the American public.

On Thursday Bill Flynn, president of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, which invited Mr Adams to visit New York last February, said that "representatives and confidants" of the loyalists would come to the city to address the group on October 24. Mr Flynn said he had been approached by David Ervine, of the Progressive Unionist Party, who claims an insight into the thinking of the paramilitaries. "He represents very important groups on the Unionist side," Mr Flynn said.

For Americans this crash course in the conflict in Northern Ireland may be instructive but it is also, thanks to Mr Adams's continuing high-profile tour, largely one-sided. While the Sinn Fein leader has now been told he will not meet President Clinton "or anyone at the White House", his two-week tour has revealed his party's impressive grasp of the rules of modern American electioneering.

Mr Adams has wooed the heartland of Irish-America, in Boston, Cleveland and New York: he has been feted by minority groups, gay organisations and civil rights champions; he has made his mark with the business community and won the endorsements of powerful politicians.

Despite the best efforts of the British Government to point out Sinn Fein's small electoral mandate, Mr Adams had managed to make himself appear, as a New York City Council resolution put it, "the harbinger of peace" and the only recognisable figure in what for many Americans remains a distant conflict. Mr Adams is a most unlikely hit in the United States. Stiff, saturnine and bearded (facial hair is virtually taboo in American political circles), he speaks a different language, sometimes literally, from the people he has addressed in the last few days.

When he begins his speeches in Gaelic, the expressions on the faces of his Irish-American listeners, many of them two, three of more generations out of Ireland, gradually change from bafflement to reverence.

In turn, Mr Adams has had his problems with the American argot: "I'm here for the crack," he told an audience in drug-ravaged downtown Detroit. "Wrong city, Gerry!" came a shout from the crowd.

Like any American politician worth his salt, Mr Adams had largely stuck to superficialities: appealing to the strong Irish-American sense of history, attacking the British Government, and emphasising his own image as a peacemaker deserving of a place at the negotiating table.

He has not addressed the main issues, as Mr Mates wearily observed after his confrontation with Mr Adams on the BBC's *Newsnight*, but the American media have not required him to, lobbing softball questions at every press conference and reacting with horror when the British press corps tried to pin him down to specifics.

Mr Adams's nine-city, 16-day tour has so far been a series of well-orchestrated rallies and photo-opportunities with prominent American politicians and celebrities. Despite his efforts to appear statesmanlike, the gaps in Mr Adams's briefing have sometimes shown through: for example he praised the civil rights icon, Rosa Parks, as a "lifelong inspiration" to him, but later referred to her twice as Mrs Park. It was, someone remarked sourly, the second time she had been mugged in a month. Mr Adams commended Rudolph Giuliani, New York's Mayor, for his support, but appeared to think his name was Giuliano.

The American politicians who have flocked to Mr Adams, for reasons of politics or conviction, have also sometimes shown a slim grasp of the issues.

"The people of Northern Ireland must determine their future, not some outside occupying force," said Mr Giuliani, inadvertantly endorsing John Major's call for a referendum in the province. Mr Adams looked a little uncomfortable.

As he heads to Washington, Mr Adams has probably achieved his primary intention: to persuade the American public, if not the Clinton Administration, that he has popular support here even if this is not so in Northern Ireland.

Those of different views, who came before and will now follow in Mr Adams' wake, face an uphill task, for the Sinn Fein leader has become not merely another foreign politician looking for support in the United States, but an American celebrity.



Giuliani: unintentional backing for referendum

Saudi arrests link denied

Washington: Embarrassed US officials yesterday withdrew suggestions that mass arrests in Saudi Arabia were linked to human rights abuses. They did so shortly before Warren Christopher, Secretary of State, was due to meet the Saudi Foreign Minister (Ian Brodie writes).

A State Department spokeswoman had connected a crackdown against 110 Muslim militants to America's concerns about lack of freedoms in Saudi Arabia. Later, however, officials said she had created the wrong impression.



Astronaut Terrence Wilcutt, the co-pilot on the *Endeavour* mission, waving as he leaves for the launching pad at Cape Canaveral, Florida, yesterday, where the space shuttle's lift-off, left, went ahead without a hitch



US space shuttle lifts off to police environment

FROM REUTER IN CAPE CANAVERAL

The *Endeavour* US space shuttle lifted off from Florida yesterday with six astronauts on a mission to survey Earth's environment with the most advanced civilian radar equipment ever made. With a fresh set of three main engines, *Endeavour* soared from its Atlantic oceanfront launch pad a minute after sunrise at the Kennedy Space Centre.

The ten-day environmental monitoring mission was delayed for six weeks when the first set of engines failed 1.9 seconds before lift-off on August 18, creating a potentially disastrous situation.

The launch of the *Endeavour* came ten days after the return of sister spaceship *Discovery* from a scientific mission. The lift-off eased a scheduling difficulty for Nasa, which is struggling to achieve its goal of eight flights per year as it prepares to build a space station in 1998 with the help of Russia, Europe, Canada and Japan.

Except for the addition of an experiment in earthquake-forecasting, the *Endeavour* mission is to be virtually identical to its orbital journey in April when astronauts employed the reusable space radar laboratory to make three-dimensional maps of 20 "supersites". The mission will focus on vegetation, geologic features, ocean waves and curiosities such as a comet crater and an ancient Arabian city. The goal is to identify environmental problems brought by industry and agriculture.

Strike tactic spreads sporting strife

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

ONE, two, three — and even four — strikes may make this the worst year in the history of American sports as labour disputes threaten to send ice hockey, basketball and horse-racing into the wilderness that has been already occupied by baseball.

Strike one: the baseball players walked out on August 11 over a proposed salary limit and two weeks ago the 1994 season was abandoned.

Strike two: the head of the National Hockey League has said that the ice hockey season will not open today without a collective bargaining agreement. "The Puck Stops Here," observed one newspaper.

Strike Three: the National Basketball Association cannot reach an agreement with the players' union, and a strike or lockout is predicted when the season starts on November 4.

Strike Four: The contract between the Jockeys Guild and the Thoroughbred Racing Association expires at the end of the year and the jockeys are now also threatening to mount a strike.

Unless the NHL owners have a last-minute and highly unlikely change of heart, the hockey season will not open today. Gary Bettman, the hockey commissioner, was expected to announce a lockout.

As the baseball player, Yogi Berra, used to say, "The game ain't over till it's over," but by the rules of avarice now governing almost every major American sport, the game is over before it even begins.

Amazon voters wooed by satellite

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN RIO DE JANEIRO

CONFIDENT of victory in next week's Brazilian elections, Fernando Henrique Cardoso, the front-runner for the presidency, ended his campaign of meeting the electorate and set up large screens across the country on which to broadcast messages to voters via satellite.

"Vote Cardoso and you will never be short of beans and rice," a jingle proclaimed to a crowd of people staring up at a huge screen along the Copacabana beach front.

Senhor Cardoso's "electronic campaign" is intended to reach as many of the 90 million voters as it can. "We've made sure his face and message is beamed not just to the beach-goers in Rio but to the remotest Amazonian settlement," said Raul Renato da Souza, the co-ordinator of the campaign.

The government-backed candidate, who leads a coalition of centre-left parties, is already sure he can win a majority in the October 3 elections: opinion polls put his support at 47 per cent, compared with 22 per cent for Luis Inacio Lula da Silva, his closest rival.

Senhor Cardoso, 63, a former Foreign and Finance Minister in the current government, is riding on the success of a plan that cut inflation from 50 per cent in June to less than 1 per cent this month. It keeps Brazil's currency on a par with the American dollar, with the backing of foreign exchange and gold reserves.

He is also expected to improve Brazil's image abroad. Senhor Cardoso is an outspoken free marketeer with centrist views, and is more liberal economically than the main opposition.

However, Senhor Cardoso has been accused of using control over the media to his advantage and a Finance Minister was forced to resign after admitting that economic figures had been doctored to help his campaign.

☐ **Mexico City:** The man who killed Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu, the Secretary-General of Mexico's ruling party, was offered money to commit the murder and police are seeking two accomplices, Humberto Benitez Trevino, the Attorney-General, said yesterday. He said that Daniel Aguilar Trevino had confessed to the shooting this week. *(AP)*

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Loans, bad debts and bureaucracy

Sir Alan Walters asks if we need the IMF and World Bank

Unlike old soldiers, international institutions never fade away. They grow ever larger and even more powerful. Nowhere is this tendency more obvious than in the two creations of the Bretton Woods conference of 1944, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. All attempts to reduce their size end up expanding them.

The IMF is not a fund, of course, it is a bank. And the World Bank is not a bank, it is a fund. Originally, the IMF was designed to provide short-term assistance to countries which had pegged their currencies to gold or the US dollar. The Bank, on the other hand, was established to provide long-term capital to war-devastated countries. Its official name, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, spelt out the founders' intentions. But it soon found its role as a lender to devastated Europe overtaken. Its loans were dwarfed first by official flows and Marshall Aid, then by the expansion of private capital movements. Lending to the Third World has been the core of its operations since the 1950s.

The IMF was set up to bring some international discipline to exchange rates. It was designed as an insurance arrangement: countries with payment difficulties would be able to draw on it to tide them over. But this assistance was given at subsidised rates. This presents a problem when countries pursue reckless public-spending policies which cause difficulties with payments and debt servicing. Such profligacy should not be rewarded with subsidised credit.

> The end of the World Bank wouldn't be the end of the world

IMF assistance is concentrated on a few countries. For example, 24 countries have received credits for more than ten consecutive years. Countries that get into difficulties tend to be recidivists. After a few years, they again experience payment problems and again have to to reschedule with IMF assistance. This is not surprising, because the IMF has limited discretion about who it lends to, unlike a commercial bank.

The World Bank generally saddles its loans with various conditions concerned with development in the broadest sense. But these conditions change with the fashion. For example, in the years up to 1980, virtually all project loans had to have a population-control component. And for many years, projects have had to prove that they alleviate poverty — at least ostensibly — by various redistributive policies. The loan programme was determined largely by the Bank's president, who decided how much money went to each country. Then the loan officer and the borrowing government's officials could agree on conditions which would satisfy the posturing of the patrons, knowing full well that they were unlikely to stick.

The pressure to meet the loan quotas would generally over-ride any qualms about the quality of loans. Robert McNamara, president of the Bank from 1968 to 1980, knew what he was doing when he made quantity not quality the criterion for the vastly expanding Bank. He was used to this sort of management: body counts in Vietnam, condom counts in Calcutta and so on.

The Bank's board members were primarily interested in ensuring that its lending promoted their exports — and promoted their people to lucrative and influential appointments in Washington: jobs for the boys.

The IMF and the World Bank are supposed to be above politics, yet as they have grown, they have become increasingly tempting as political vehicles and targets. The IMF has replaced the gunboat.

Perhaps the most obvious current case of politicisation concerns loans to Russia. In their anxiety to bend to political pressure and lend to the former Soviet Union, the IMF and the Bank have greatly relaxed their conditions. As *The Economist* has argued, there is no economic case for aid to Russia. The main reason for aid is to support Yeltsin, whom Western governments perceive to be the best hope for reform (just as they once backed his arch-rival, Gorbachev).

Of course, politics cannot help intruding, but it is wrong to allow politics to compromise the intellectual integrity of the institutions. Obviously, it is tempting to instruct staff that a favourable economic review of this or that country is required because of political considerations; but it corrodes professionalism and saps integrity. A telling example is a 1979 Bank report on Romania, claiming that "between 1950 and 1975 the Romanian economy sustained one of the highest growth rates in the world", which was obvious nonsense.

A case can be made for abolishing the Bank and the IMF. The funds they command are tiny compared with gross national products or with domestic investment and private capital flows. The end of lending by the World Bank would not be the end of the world — though it might well be the end of some of the Bank's favourite regimes.

But what can practically be done? One feasible reform would be to limit the Bank's total portfolio. Its cumulative lending amounts to about $270 billion, with annual increments of around $13 billion. More specifically, a reform might shift any growth in the loan portfolio to the Bank's affiliate, the International Finance Corporation. Unlike the Bank, which can make loans only with a guarantee from the borrowing government, this is charged with making loans without such guarantees to the private sector, and can and has taken equity stakes in many enterprises in the Third World. Such a shift would be consonant with widespread privatisation, and the belief that most wealth creation must come through private enterprise.

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Private patrols are out of hand. **Ian Blair** suggests how to increase public security at no extra cost

Let the police fund their own expansion

All over the country, small groups of householders and some councils have been announcing their own street patrols. Yet all the evidence available suggests that such patrols make the public deeply uneasy. Who controls them? If they overstep the mark, to whom should the public complain? What powers do they have? Does anyone check to see that the patrols do not themselves recruit criminals?

There are indications that when they operate on private estates, such patrols continuously call police and draw them away from neighbourhoods which cannot afford patrols. Yet such "para-policing" is bound to become increasingly common, because people want more policing than the public police can provide.

British policing is based on two things: it stems from the community and is democratically accountable. At present, however, community-based policing is being undermined because the police cannot meet the demand. The result is the new policing agencies being set up by private security firms and local councils.

Now, as the Home Secretary and the Shadow Home Secretary look ahead to the law and order debates at their respective party conferences, they could do worse than draw a comparison between village post offices and local policemen. The privatisation of the Post Office was only saved from complete backbench revolt when a clear undertaking was made that rural post offices would be preserved, within a state monopoly. Likewise, the first party to stop the unintentional privatisation of policing will take a lead in the law and order debate, for if rural post offices need to be saved, how much more does the beat police officer.

And there is a way to keep policing public which does not exclude the private sector and does not involve more state expenditure. It does, however, involve a U-turn in law and order policy, though it is one that should appeal to both Left and Right.

Since 1979, the Conservatives have spent more and more on policing. The Home Office and the Treasury have recently been trying to cap that increase by finding ways to satisfy the demand for more policing without paying for more officers.

What is needed now is a declaration from government that the control of patrols in public places for the suppression of crime is the absolute preserve of the state. But in exchange for this monopoly of public patrol, the police authorities should be required to carry out that function at no extra cost.

They can do this only if they are empowered to do two things. First, they must have the power to deploy patrols other than regular and special constables. As well as the Home Secretary's volunteers, police authorities need to be able to employ police auxiliaries. These would be full-time employees, wearing full police uniform, but paid at a lower rate for street patrol only, with less training and lesser powers. Additionally, the authorities should have power to hire private security firms to work under police direction, on a police radio net, to deal with specific problems. At the moment, this could be done only by reducing the number of regular officers, which remains an option. But it would be better to avoid this by a further innovation: allowing police authorities to generate income.

The police are in the business of keeping communities safe. They could do this better, using extra patrols but at no additional cost to the community if they were allowed to generate income from their thousands of outlets, which are currently offering free advice every day, advice on which private security firms currently cash in.

Consider how easily and effectively the police could supply burglar alarms. At present, the police provide a splendid free service to back up Group 4 and Securicor, for example, by coming out when alarms fitted by those firms go off. The police service might as well have the opportunity to fit the alarms themselves, perhaps charging customers of other companies for turning out in response to false calls.

This could go much further. Commercial enterprises would queue to become strategic partners with the police for the provision of police-approved home-security equipment, or training in driver safety, personal safety or drugs awareness. The key would be the police's knowledge of local crime patterns. The police could ensure that products were tailored to realistic needs, rather than oversold for commercial gain. The significant point, however, is that the income generated would go not to private shareholders, but to increase patrols and anti-crime measures.

All of those protecting streets and estates should belong unmistakably to the public police, so that no citizen is stopped while going about his or her business in a public place by anyone not who is not accountable. Under this scheme, the police would not put private security firms out of business, for they would continue to bid for work. They would, however, have a monopoly of *control* of such "para-policing".

In making such a proposal, the Home Secretary or his Shadow would be balancing the demand of the Right for better enforcement of law and order at no more cost, with the demand of the Left for greater accountability. He might have to confront the wrath of the Treasury and the Police Federation — not to mention the currently unregulated private security barons — but that might be better than facing the conference with nothing but rhetoric.

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Bucking the national trend

Whitehall has no business messing up the counties. People feel rooted in them and are loyal to their history

Simon Jenkins

This could be Bucks' last throw. Buckinghamshire may not be the most glamorous state in the realm, but it will be in the front line at the Great Battle of 1995, the battle for county England. London is determined to stamp it out. "Death to the counties" has been the cry of successive Tory environment secretaries. The present local government commissioner, Sir John Banham, is in no doubt what Whitehall expects of him: execution after due process of "consultation". Even Judge Jeffries had more discretion. Today only the House of Lords and the Tory backbenchers stand between the shire counties and extermination. These defenders are mounting their chargers and sharpening their lances against the latest minister, John Gummer, and his Marsham Street mercenaries. It will be a battle royal.

For me there was no greater champion of the English counties than the historian Sir Nikolaus Pevsner. Last Thursday his Buckinghamshire acolytes gathered beneath the gilded cornices and rococo ceilings of Hartwell House outside Aylesbury. It was their turn to celebrate one of the greatest sagas in modern British scholarship, the revisions to the Pevsner county volumes. The master himself died in 1983, and a small industry is now devoted to updating his work. His spirit flitted through the trees outside the house, delighting in the homage. This Leipzig émigré understood and admired the English county. His work was a monument to the uniqueness of each.

Pevsner's guides have been my lifetime companions. Wherever I go, that tall Germanic don is at my shoulder. Not for him the drama or magic of a place. History rarely moved him, people never did. He was a scholar of the bare necessities, of bones not flesh. Adjectives and adverbs seemed to stick in his throat. Pevsner needs flavouring, even for the addict: a little Arthur Mee perhaps or some Betjeman and Shell Guide. But he had a life's work to complete, and complete it he did (in Staffordshire, in 1974). He ran Father Time a close race, but he won.

A Pevsner guide is a marriage broker. It brings together reader and building, and leaves them alone to fall in love. It does not interfere. The editors of the new editions have kept to that asceticism. The maps are still sketchy and do not believe in roads. There is still plenty of geology but little history. No volume of Pevsner lets slip an anecdote, let alone a joke. This is Gradgrind work, a compendium of relentless facts. The revisions are three times longer than Pevsner's originals. The thoroughness is majestic. No lane is untravelled by Elizabeth Williamson and her team, no door left unopened.

So why did I fall in love with Buckinghamshire? It takes some doing. This is a timid little county. It lacks style or a sense of romance, save for a few corners of the Chilterns. Pevsner ill concealed his boredom with the place. His introduction is littered with what were to him vehement epithets, such as "scanty", "undistinguished", "unimportant", "of no more than local value". What can be done, he implies, with a county that has no cathedrals, no abbeys, no castles, no great ruins, and whose principal towns are Slough, Wycombe and Aylesbury? There are some fine mansions, but only Stowe makes the premier league. This is just a shire on the way to somewhere else. Blink and you have passed it by.

Yet Buckinghamshire is a section sliced through middle England. It owes its elongated shape to the 16 "hundreds" of Saxon Buckingham, straddling the Mercian border north of the great Middlesex bog. Today its southern boundary marches along the Thames above Maidenhead towards Marlow. This stretch is picturesque, though once dismissed by Betjeman as a place where cockney bank robbers seek genteel retirement, their yachts ready for quick escape. Behind lie the beech-clad Chilterns, rich in horses and divorces. Here is the last known nesting place of the "champagne socialist", Mortimers, Mallalieus and Paxmans clustering around John Paul Getty's sumptuous new residence at Wormsley.

Northwards we are in the rolling acres of the Vale of Aylesbury. The county has been shorn of most of its grandees. There are no longer Astors at Cliveden, Temples at Stowe or Verneys at Claydon. But Dashwoods still live at West Wycombe and Rothschilds in some of the family's colony of Victorian mansions around Aylesbury. Lord Rothschild is restoring Waddesdon. Here, carefully protected by some of the fiercest nimbies in the land, are villages of great charm, such as Long Crendon, the Claydons and Olney.



Sir Nikolaus Pevsner, champion of the counties, with his guides

The northern tenth of the county has vanished beneath the planner's grid of Milton Keynes. The guide dedicates 78 pages to Britain's newest and most antiseptic city. Yet it omits the one Buckinghamshire building known to almost every Briton, the anonymous Newport Pagnell MI service station, first of that awful genre to be built. (French *départements* use such stopping places as showcases for their architecture, tourism and produce: why are English counties so unenterprising?)

This *rus in suburbe* is, for better or worse, the Home Counties of today. It is unspectacular but contented, vulnerable but well-defended, a chunk of English decency. Yet what, asks Whitehall, do its people have so much in common that their local government must stay within boundaries laid down by a Mercian king before the Norman Conquest?

The answer is that the people of Buckinghamshire prefer their county to stay as it is. Their boundaries are no business of the State. They have chosen to live in Buckinghamshire, and most of them always have done. Hold a referendum and I am sure they will say so. And they expect their sense of geographical identity to be embodied politically.

Some visiting commissioner or minister may tell them they are inconvenient, wasteful, out of date and irrational. They might return the compliment. They might reply, like Chesterton's Napoleon of Notting Hill, not with an argument but with a sharp blow to the head. Try telling the citizens of Luxembourg or Bavaria or Alsace or Lucerne that their geographical unit is inconvenient to bureaucrats in the nation's capital, and you will get the same reply.

The people of Buckinghamshire like the fact that they embrace Marlow and Burnham Beeches, Fingest church and the Hellfire Club, Waddesdon and Mentmore, Claydon and Chicheley, even Milton Keynes. They take a pride. They even have a smattering of dialect: who but a native knows what are grumplings and witchert? As for Lord Walker's decision to "give" their architectural jewel, Eton College, to Berkshire in 1974, nobody has taken the slightest notice, certainly not the Pevsner editors, who retain it in the new volume.

Pevsner's guides testify to an England that is far from lost. They honour the counties as geological, geographical and stylistic entities. Break the link between the counties and their political institutions and you strip politics of its territorial roots and the constitution of its natural autonomy. You may as well go down a route now much debated in America, of defining people by ethnic or racial group, by occupation, profession or even gender. You might as well slap an Orwellian grid over England. British people identify with their cities and counties. Come next year's battle, they will demand to keep them. What hill and river, tribe and kingdom have joined together let no transient minister put asunder.

One activity to which Buckinghamshire is no stranger is politics. It was the home of John Hampden and John Wilkes, and of Edmund Burke, who lambasted the French revolutionary attempt to reorganise local government with a set-square. It embraces Chequers and Dorneywood, retreats of the Prime Minister and Home Secretary of the day. And it begat Disraeli. Earl of Beaconsfield. Disraeli wrote that there was "something in the air of Buckinghamshire favourable to political knowledge and vigour". He was right. Bucks should beware of government. But government should beware of Bucks.

Penguin publish Buildings of England: Buckinghamshire *by Nikolaus Pevsner and Elizabeth Williamson at £30.*

Dredd's shed

THERE could be few locations more suited to the brawny monosyllabic actor Sylvester Stallone than the one he is currently using. The *Rambo* star, painter and fanatic art collector has been filming his latest movie, *Judge Dredd*, in Bankside Power Station, the planned home of the Tate Gallery for Modern Art.

Stallone is recreating the violent comic hero from the 21st century in Bankside's turbine hall, which an insider says could not be more appropriate: "It's incredibly futuristic, even though it was built in the Fifties. The place is enormous, full of turbines and boilers."

In between takes as law-enforcer Dredd, an armour-clad and horribly brutal one-man judicial system, Stallone has been staying in Knightsbridge's Hyatt Carlton Tower. And to help himself to escape from Dredd's mind-numbingly violent manner of dispensing justice, he has filled his presidential suite with ten sculptures, worth £100,000, by the modern artist David Wynne.

The Tate refuses to comment on Stallone's involvement with its future premises but I understand that it does not benefit from the proceeds. Location fees are going to Nuclear Electric, which still owns the site. Brian Sewell, the self-opinionated art critic and scourge of pickled sharks, believes the power station is wholly appropriate as a set.

"It's just the sort of building to fill with that sort of junk," he says. "It would be better, however, if they were doing it once it has been converted to a gallery. Stallone could do wonders for Rebecca Horn, whose piano is hanging from the Tate's ceiling at the moment."

● *Spotted on Thursday evening enjoying a quick pint in the Red Lion, Westminster's watering hole, were Mike Atherton and some England team-mates. The drink was needed: they were fresh from a reception at Number 10 where conversation turned to the unorthodox technique John Major employed recently to bowl out Steve Tshwete, the South African Sports Minister.*

Sidelined

BRITISH Rail chairman Sir Bob Reid tried a charm offensive after the resolution of the rail strike yesterday: he manned a railway station's customer helpline.

But Reid's public relations exercise hit the buffers when not a single BR customer phoned Cambridge station during the 20 minutes he was waiting by the phone. Management finally pulled him off the line in despair and gave him a mural to unveil.

Home leave

MY CONDOLENCES to Sir John Harvey-Jones, who has been ordered to take two months off work to recover from a chest infection. The troubleshooter, who at 70 is as busy as ever, finds the matter a considerable inconvenience, particularly as he fell ill on one of his all-too-rare holidays.

He is itching to get on with his projects: a television series about his life, two books and a major speech about the film industry. Sadly a brave doctor has prescribed complete rest.

"Telling Sir John to stop work is easier said than done," a member of his staff explained. "The doctor might have been wise to have done so while cowering behind a riot shield."



● *The musical taste of the Princess of Wales is clearly maturing. London's Eaton Square resounded not to George Michael or Elton John when she drove through this week, car stereo blaring, but to Elgar's elegiac cello concerto.*

Well suited

SIR Ralph Halpern, the former chairman of the Burton Group, who came to public attention as a result of his nocturnal adventures, looks likely to endure a few more late nights. He has just been made a parish councillor at East Horsley in Surrey, where he owns the 150 acre Innisfree estate. Meetings are said to go on somewhat.

As a man who acquired the title Lord of the Manor at Innisfree from the Earl of Lovelace in 1987 after a friend bought it for him at auction, Halpern feels duty-bound to pull his weight. "I own a large property and quite properly I should take part in parish affairs," he explains.

Road runners

THIS is Ridley Scott's week. Not only has he become the proud owner of Shepperton Studios but the plot of his road movie *Thelma and Louise* is to be acted out for real. In the film, Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis abandon domestic life and rampage across America, locking policemen in their boot and blowing up petrol tankers.

Now two young writers of impeccable pedigree: Auberon Waugh's daughter Daisy, and Samantha, daughter of the insurance magnate Sir Mark Weinberg — are planning to recreate the adventures in their own trip across America. They have been contracted to write an account by *The Sunday Times*.



Adventurous: Samantha Weinberg, left, and Daisy Waugh

Yesterday Samantha assured me that their trip would be less violent, but was not prepared to elaborate. Auberon Waugh, who falls asleep as soon as he sits in front of a cinema screen, admits he is nervous. "I haven't seen the film but I just hope they're not planning to shoot anyone. I wish them luck and hope they've had all their injections."

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PLAGUE REACTIONS

Sensible precautions will protect Britain: panic will not

The plague, especially in its virulent pneumonic form, is a phenomenon which perturbs. Having ravaged Europe already in the Middle Ages, its potential to excite atavistic fears, which survive tenaciously in folk memory, is unequalled. Perhaps alone among the diseases known to man, the plague drags along with itself — as morbid and inseparable companion — the carcass of its history.

The eruption of an epidemic in the western Indian city of Surat, and the discovery of cases in Bombay, Calcutta and Delhi, has prompted other countries (and not just those which lie on India's long borders) to take measures to prevent the spread of the disease. Virtually every European country has taken precautionary steps, while some countries in the Middle East have banned flights from India altogether. The plague, it is rightly argued, does not respect man-made frontiers. But fear is the host on which panic breeds. Some reactions to India's plight have been near hysterical: on one front page yesterday an Air India flight from Bombay was branded a "plague plane".

Dr Kenneth Calman, the Government's Chief Medical Officer, held a press conference yesterday at which he announced that medical authorities were observing eight suspected cases of the affliction, and that they were being examined exhaustively. Seeking to prevent the epidemic of alarm that such stories could provoke, Dr Calman, for whom a thought should be spared at this delicate moment, duly fuelled the hysteria.

Although none of the cases in question, it appears, has yielded evidence of the plague, there can as yet be no room for complacency. But it is just as important that there be no panic — for panic cannot coexist with prudence. Much has been made of the apocalyptic potential of a 14th-century disease whose carriers have access to such 20th-century means of transport as the aeroplane. The distance between London and Bombay or Delhi is more accurately reckoned at a handful of hours than as a matter of thousands of miles. Yet just as the technology of the century in which we live has given us the means to devour distance, so too has it given us the medical means to wage a determined crusade against the plague.

Yersinia pestis, the bacterium at the source of pneumonic plague, has little resistance to antibiotics. Tetracycline, if administered early, is guaranteed to cure the disease. The European Commission, reacting constructively to India's need of the hour, announced yesterday that it would make the country a grant of £160,000 in medical aid, which would enable Delhi to buy ten million doses of tetracycline for immediate distribution. This is surely the best approach: more aid must follow, as well as medical counsel.

Equally, the advice by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to its member states should be applauded for the tone of sobriety it strikes. Cautioning against the sort of sanitary McCarthyism which threatens travellers from India, the WHO avers that the plague outbreak is unlikely to affect other countries "if its surveillance guidelines are followed".

These involve placing under surveillance for six days — the incubation period of *Yersinia pestis* — any suspected carrier disembarking from an aircraft or ship whose journey originated in an area of risk. Britain would do well to insist also that airlines flying to its airports from India ensure that embarking passengers have been examined by experienced medical staff. Careful screening in both India and the final destination is of greater preventive value than measures born of hysteria and panic. We should place more faith in our medicine than we do in our folk memory.

YORK'S BISHOP

Dr Habgood's successor needs rare qualities

The retirement next June of the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, will draw to a close one of the most quietly distinguished ecclesiastical careers of modern times. As a senior bishop for more than 20 years and Archbishop since 1983, Dr Habgood has worked through a deeply troubled period in the history of the Church of England. His contribution as a peacemaker and as a public moralist has been one of its happier features.

Dr Habgood's failure to move from York to Canterbury in 1991 disappointed many in the Church who regarded his transition as right and inevitable. Others considered the decision just punishment for his fierce attack on the anonymous author of the preface to the 1987 *Crockford's Clerical Directory*, who later committed suicide. The passing over of Dr Habgood remains a matter of intense speculation in ecclesiastical circles. Yet it may be that the Church benefited from his longer residence at York. Unfettered by the responsibility of Canterbury, he was perhaps able to speak more freely and provocatively.

As a spokesman for intelligent Anglican opinion on a range of issues, Dr Habgood has managed to combine authority with open-mindedness. For some traditionalists, his part in the 1980 Alternative Service Book betrayed a tendency to woolly liberalism. In practice, however, Dr Habgood's interventions in public life have generally been remarkable for their precision and rigour. Earlier this year, he made an eloquent case for the reduction of the homosexual age of consent to 18. He has been a consistently interesting contributor to the debate on genetic science. His has been a voice of clarity in a Church grown used to timidity and platitude.

Similar qualities would be most welcome in his successor. But it is a capacity to conciliate and mediate that the Church needs most in its senior ranks. Dr Habgood has performed an important service in helping to reduce strains between Church and State in the last two years. When the Prince of Wales addressed the question of the monarch's religious function in a television profile this summer, the Archbishop offered a compelling analysis of the question in an interview with *The Times*. Loosening the links between Church and State might cause the British constitution to "unravel", he warned. Shortly after, the Prince clarified his own views in a letter to the Archbishop.

Even more important in this respect has been Dr Habgood's role in the crisis over women priests. The divisions between opposing factions have been severe. But it is widely acknowledged that they would have been far worse without Dr Habgood's quiet arbitration. He has been as keen in his support of women priests as he has been understanding towards opponents of the reform. His supervision of the "flying bishops" scheme — providing opponents of female ordination with their own pastoral care — has been highly successful.

Yet a survey of 300 traditionalist Anglicans published yesterday revealed that their fears still run deep. Dr Habgood's successor will face a formidable task as a broker between groups who still regard their differences as virtually irreconcilable.

ODIUM ACADEMICUM

Dreaming spires? No, screaming spitfires

In case any of our readers missed the letter on this page yesterday from the Oxford historian Lord Blake about the Oxford historian Norman Stone, we shall repeat a small section. "The professor, whose ignorance of Christ Church, it seems to me, is only equalled by his prejudice against it, deserves contempt for endorsing the opinion which will be repudiated by everyone who knows anything about the university world." Ouch! If the current row about the influence of Oxbridge upon British life proves nothing else, it proves that when it comes to malice, insults, spite, wars of the texts and other verbal bloodiness, Oxbridge's leadership is undisputed.

In a book published this week, Walter Ellis propounded his theory of an Oxbridge conspiracy to hog a disproportionate share of power and lucrative emolument in every walk and towpath of national life. His argument has been hotly debated on radio chatshows. Certainly a disproportionate number of the debaters bear Oxbridge credentials. But nowhere are the daggers sharper than in the two places of learning themselves. Neither the Backs nodding with daffodils nor the Morris dancers of Magdalen Bridge are more native to Oxbridge than is academic rage.

Forget naive expectations: scholarship does not produce Olympian calm. Professor Stone, Professor of Modern History at Oxford and a refugee from Gonville and Caius, Cambridge, had remarked in *The Times* that Christ Church had emerged from another recent book on the subject as a national scandal — a prodigious waste of talent, space and money. Lord Blake, the former Student and tutor in politics at Christ Church, then replied in the characteristic mode reprinted above.

Eloquent abuse is an Oxbridge custom more honoured in the observance than the breach, stretching down the centuries through jealous rows over chairs and plagiarism, and engaging such celebrated warriors as Bowra and Sparrow, the Leavises and A. J. P. Taylor, Steiner and MacCabe, Wyclif and Tyndale.

The current disputants can content themselves that the finest scholars tend to be the rudest. The model is the great classicist Richard Porson who, when a junior scholar rashly suggested that they should collaborate, agreed: "Put in all I know and all you don't know, and it will make a great book." Dr F. J. Noakes once said to a recently elected young fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge: "It's no use trying to be *clever* — we are all clever here; just try to be *kind* — a little kind."

Dr Noakes's unscholarly advice has seldom been followed. Cambridge, after all, was founded by rancorous fugitives from a feud at Oxford. Nor for pun does it call its *mathematicians* wranglers. Oxbridge is a composite of screaming diehards and acerbic spitfires. Forget the dreaming spires. There can be argument about the virtues and vices of the old universities, and about their place as intellectual flagships. But we can all take pride still in the witty ferocity of Oxbridge abuse.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Safety concerns and the future of roll-on, roll-off ferries

From Professor Emeritus Louis Rydill, FEng, and others

Sir, With the tragic capsizing of the roll-on, roll-off ferry *Estonia* in the Baltic with such great loss of life, there is again much ill-informed debate about the safety of this type of vessel. Sensationalised assertions are made that open vehicle decks are bound to lead to catastrophic loss of stability if they are flooded, even to shallow depths, whatever the cause. This is not so. It is possible to design ro-ro ferries with open decks that are capable of withstanding a considerable amount of flooding without necessarily departing from the concept of an uninterrupted through deck, with its great advantage of ease of loading and unloading vehicles.

It is understandable that there should be public outrage, but also puzzlement, about the causes of calamitous capsizes and lack of success in their prevention. The causes are complicated, and as regards prevention the international maritime community seems to have been slow and ineffective in achieving any noteworthy improvement.

We have been associated with research at University College London and the British Maritime Technology organisation to determine why earlier designs of ro-ro ferries are liable to capsize and to produce measures which could reasonably be incorporated in new and existing designs to improve survivability without unduly undermining economic viability. It is no longer tolerable for international compromise and expediency to allow the continued use of ro-ro ferries largely dependent for their safety on rigorous maintenance of operational drills and discipline.

The UK Government has led the way in commissioning research into improved safety measures, in setting higher safety standards and in seeking international agreement on their implementation, but achievement has been painfully slow. The international community must surely be persuaded to act decisively for once, and before long.

Yours faithfully,
LOUIS RYDILL
(Professor of Naval Architecture, University College London, 1981-85),
CHRIS LLOYD,
JOHN ASTON,
The Lodge,
Entry Hill Drive, Bath, Avon.
September 30.

From Mr Ian Hannay

Sir, Since the *Herald of Free Enterprise* disaster off Zeebrugge in 1987 there have been two capsizes of ro-ro ferries in the Baltic. It appears that still no positive action has been taken to counteract the inherent vulnerability of this type of vessel. The improvements imposed after Zeebrugge only let the crew know what is happening. There seems to be nothing in the recommendations that enables them to minimise the effects of main deck flooding or shifting cargo.

The shipping industry, as opposed to the aviation world, has thousands of builders and many regulatory authorities. Commercial interests tend to override less tangible safety factors. It is up to state (and port) authorities to set and regulate acceptable standards for the travelling public.

Ro-ro vessels are very different from conventional cargo or passenger ships, which are expected to remain relatively upright, and an orderly evacuation within an hour or so is considered acceptable. Theory and experience now tell us that any serious failure on a ro-ro ship (apart from possibly fire) is likely to lead to a rapid capsize.

In the aviation world an aircraft has to be capable of being evacuated in something less than two minutes with half the exits blocked. Ro-ro ferries need a similar quick evacuation system directly into life rafts.

Because of the serious consequences of cargo shifting the design and nature of attachment need careful study. Certainly the movement of one lorry or its cargo must not cause any domino effect.

This latest event has shown that even if it is possible to get into a life raft the combination of shock and cold can kill before any rescue is possible. The ready accessibility of life jackets at all exits (this means carrying many more than the number of people on board) and the availability of thermal blankets within covered life rafts should be made a priority.

Water on the car deck could be contained if the decks were made more like cattle grids and large automatic pumps fitted to cope with any partial failure of the doors and their seals.

Yours sincerely,
IAN HANNAY
(Marine and aeronautical consultant),
Russets, Reading Road North,
Fleet, Hampshire.
September 29.

From Mr John Willan

Sir, It is reassuring to read (leading article, September 29) that "the oldest and most insecure ships must comply . . . by this Saturday" with new regulations designed to keep them floating for at least 45 minutes in the event of a collision. Less encouraging is the news that other vessels are not required to make "any necessary adaptations" to equip them to fulfil one of the most basic functions of a ship until the year 2004.

Could you perhaps publish a list of these other vessels so that for the next ten years I can keep myself and my family from travelling on them?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WILLAN
(Managing Director),
CD Direct,
11 Murray Street, NW1.
September 29.

IRA ceasefire

From Mr Keith Parkinson

Sir, I am at a loss to understand the debate over the permanence of the IRA ceasefire. It is surely all semantics.

It cannot be possible to bind a future different leadership or, for that matter, to bind the current leadership or different factions thereof, unless a conclusion, perceived by that leadership as being satisfactory, is eventually attained.

Whether it be one week, one month, one year or even ten years from now, it is perfectly obvious that hostilities will resume if the end game is not achieved, as Gerry Adams has indicated (report, September 27).

Yours faithfully,
KEITH PARKINSON,
49 Cranbrook Road, Chiswick, W4.
September 27.

From Mr Benjamin Williams

Sir, Anyone with any knowledge of the US media could have predicted the neglect suffered by the hapless Mr Michael Mates (report, September 27). There is however one British politician who is better known in America than any other, and enjoys intense respect and attention from the media whenever she visits. She has personally experienced the murderous attention of the IRA, and lost dear friends to it. Even her worst detractors would agree that in debate she would tear Gerry Adams and his ilk to shreds.

The question is, was Lady Thatcher asked to undertake the mission carried out by Mr Mates? If not, why not?

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
BEN WILLIAMS,
31a Walton Crescent, Oxford.

From Mr Richard Sowler

Sir, The Prime Minister is right to insist that the IRA proclaim the cessation of hostilities to be permanent, and should not move further without this. Such a declaration would of course mean that the IRA, as a military force, could never have a future role. Logically it must follow that they disband.

This achieved, talking to Sinn Fein is totally appropriate: they do represent a significant political grouping in Ulster.

Finally, the proposed referendum, on the results of talks (letters, September 22) is to be welcomed. I have no doubt that the people of Northern Ireland will speak clearly in their best interests.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD SOWLER,
2 Cornwall Mansions,
Ashburnham Road, SW10.
September 28.

Red Baron's cross

From Mr J. K. Hanna

Sir, You describe the insignia taken from Baron von Richthofen's shot-down Fokker triplane as the "Balkan Cross" ("Red Baron's cross for sale", September 26).

I assume that this is an anglicisation of *Balkenkreuz*, or "beam cross" in translation. There is, in fact, no Balkan connotation at all.

Yours faithfully,
J. K. HANNA,
16 Stockton Gardens, Mill Hill, NW7.
September 26.

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Lawrence and Frieda's first meeting

From Mr Ian R. Weekley

Sir, I was astonished to read in Peter Ackroyd's review (Books, September 22) of Brenda Maddox's book, *The Married Man. A Life of D. H. Lawrence*, that my grandmother Frieda had lured Lawrence into bed within 20 minutes of their meeting for lunch in my grandfather's house.

This seems to me nonsense, as even later on, before Frieda or Lawrence went to Germany, Lawrence had declined to make love to Frieda in her husband's house.

I would like to know Brenda Maddox's source of the extraordinary new claim. Perhaps she has failed to relate pre-1914 behaviour with today's "instant sex" morality.

Yours etc,
IAN WEEKLEY (Proprietor),
Ian Weekley Models,
The Old Anchor of Hope,
Lammas, Norwich, Norfolk.
September 22.

From Mrs Anthea Goldsmith

Sir, As the former wife of Frieda Lawrence's grandson, I wonder where Brenda Maddox got the idea that "within twenty minutes of meeting him, Frieda had Lawrence in bed".

They first met when her then husband, Ernest Weekley, invited Lawrence to lunch. The house would have been full of servants, guests and family, making such an encounter unlikely. Far from being "an aptly named schoolmaster", Weekley held the newly created chair in modern languages at University College, Nottingham.

Their second meeting was another family affair. Lawrence arrived unexpectedly during the afternoon of Easter Sunday. The professor was working in his study and Frieda was rushing round the garden with her three children, hunting for Easter eggs.

Lawrence joined in enthusiastically. Frieda invited him to stay to tea, forgetting that she'd given the servants the afternoon off. The daughter of a German baron, she was completely undomesticated, and didn't even know how to light the gas stove. Instead of jumping into bed with her, Lawrence ended up making tea for them all.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHEA GOLDSMITH,
22 Well Walk, NW3.
September 22.

From Professor W. T. Stearn

Sir, Peter Ackroyd's punning reference to "the aptly named schoolmaster Weekley" in his review is unjust. Ernest Weekley, a professor at University College, Nottingham (now the university), was not a weak man but a wronged one.

I knew Professor Weekley in his retirement. Ignorant of his domestic tragedy I once unwittingly remarked that I had heard of D. H. Lawrence being one of his students at Nottingham. "Never mention the name of that man again", he snapped angrily.

Later I learned of the anguish D. H. Lawrence had caused him by taking away his wife and leaving him alone to care for their three children.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM T. STEARN,
17 High Park Road,
Kew Gardens, Richmond, Surrey.
September 23.

Odious comparison?

From Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle

Sir, Your City Editor today refers to the impending retiral of the chairman of Glaxo and the sums which have been paid to him during the last two years, for part of which time he has acted in a non-executive capacity. Deducting from these sums the relatively minor figure of £2.27 million paid to top up his pension fund it would appear that he received a monthly salary, after deduction of tax, equivalent to more than one and a half times the annual salary received before tax by the Lord Chief Justice of England.

Is there an anomaly here?

Yours faithfully,
JAUNCEY of TULLICHETTLE,
Tullichettle,
Comrie, Perthshire.
September 28.

Durham poll

From Mr Charles Scott

Sir, Our local newspaper, the *South Shields Gazette*, saddened this reader last night with a telephone poll on its front page asking for a response as to whether the Bishop of Durham should resign. This departure of the press into a moral pillory is a frightful and humiliating downward twist in modern journalism.

Yours etc,
CHARLES SCOTT,
5 Tankerville Terrace,
Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne.
September 27.

Keep your head

From Mr E. H. Ruston

Sir, There is a simple answer to Nigel Hawkes's problem with the flatness of his pint (Science Briefing, September 26). On a Worcestershire pre-season cricket tour of Zimbabwe last April, I found that the serious Castle lager drinkers of Bulawayo carried around with them at all times a small bag of ordinary school blackboard chalk.

A piece of this about the size of a finger nail in the bottom of the glass kept the bubbles coming and the head on the brew until the glass was empty. They said that the taste was unaffected.

Yours etc,
HAROLD RUSTON,
Splash Close,
Thicket Road, Houghton,
Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.
September 27.

Will no crime pay?

From Mr Laurence Hoffman

Sir, Coincidentally with the official announcement that the level of reported crime has fallen (report, September 28), can we now expect a proportionate reduction in our household contents insurance policies?

Yours faithfully,
LAURENCE HOFFMAN,
9 Westside, Hendon, NW4.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Handshake-free zones in church

From Mr Barry Hewlett-Davies

Sir, Mr Peter Pinkster's dislike of shaking hands as a sign of peace in church (letter, September 24) made me look again at the introductory rites in the order of Mass. The priest welcomes the people, saying: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

If you set aside one part of the church, as Mr Pinkster suggests, where there is to be no shaking hands, would not the people who sit there be announcing, in effect, "We are not in fellowship with any of you; kindly keep your hands to yourself?"

Yours amicably,
BARRY HEWLETT-DAVIES,
44 Sussex Square, Brighton, Sussex.
September 25.

From Mr Tim Blenkin

Sir, In York Minster, where I worship, I have my own solution. A friendly verger reserves for me an end seat in the nave, adjacent to a side aisle. At the critical moment I move discreetly into the aisle and out of harm's way; I find the movers and shakers will seldom cross open space to catch me.

Yours faithfully,
TIM BLENKIN,
Black Collar Hall Farm,
Farlington, York.

From Mrs Janet L. E. Holdeman

Sir, In our parish church we welcome each Sunday parties of the blind, partially sighted, mentally and physically disabled people, some of whom are long-term residents of this area. Some people are in day-to-day contact with our fellow Christians, but the only time the rest of us get to socialise with them is during the "peace" in church and coffee later.

The sheer joy and often radiance on the faces of these friends, when the physical contact of a "hands-on" experience is felt during the service, more than compensates for any embarrassment one might possibly feel by touching a stranger.

Yours sincerely,
JANET L. E. HOLDEMAN,
Trafalgar, 21 Nelson Road,
Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

From Miss Ursula M. Harrison

Sir, Although shaking hands is a sign of peace, if a group of people are to sing together, pray together and eat and drink together, as part of a family through Christ, then it surely would not be inappropriate for them to perhaps introduce themselves to their brothers and sisters during the service.

Yours faithfully,
URSULA M. HARRISON,
Walthamstow Hall, Sevenoaks, Kent.

From the Reverend Claire Wilson

Sir, The "peace" is not easy or cheap. It is an anticipatory gesture pointing us towards the unreserved mutual acceptance which as Christians we desire but seldom achieve. In sharing the "peace" we are not faking intimacy, but expressing a longing and a hope.

Yours faithfully,
CLAIRE WILSON,
26 Frognal Lane, NW3.

From Colonel C. R. W. Norman (retd)

Sir, The "sign of peace" practised in the middle of the service has a wholly disruptive and often embarrassing effect on the liturgy. It should take place only when the service is over, where (with the kiss of peace) it should be encouraged.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
RICHARD NORMAN,
Milton Mill, Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

From Mrs J. Bell

Sir, I warmly approve of a "sign of peace" in the service, but I do find the handshake an inappropriate gesture. I prefer the one prescribed by the Church of South India in *The Book of Common Worship*: " . . . the giver places his right palm against the right palm of the receiver, and each closes his left hand over the other's right hand . . . ".

Yours truly,
JEAN BELL,
Chestnuts,
Swan Hill, Haselbury Plucknet,
Crewkerne, Somerset.

From Mr Michael Sykes

Sir, If your correspondent is unsuccessful in obtaining a handshake-free zone for celebrating the sign of peace, a divisive, and for me totally unnecessary part of modern liturgy, might I commend the practice of remaining on one's knees, eyes tightly closed, with hands clasped in prayer until the Offertory hymn is announced. This should deter even the most dedicated zealot from interfering with one's worship. It might also remind other members of the congregation of the main purpose for which you and they are presumably there.

Otherwise, a reputation for giving a bear hug combined with a continental style kiss on both cheeks has been known to clear a few rows on both sides of the nave.

Heretically yours,
MICHAEL SYKES,
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Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire.
September 26.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 30: The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, accompanied by The Duke of Kent, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, this morning presented a new Standard to The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys) in Holyrood Park and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost) and the Colonel of the Regiment (Major-General Charles Ramsay).

Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, was received with a Royal Salute.

After the presentation, The Queen was graciously pleased to address the Regiment and the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Allen) replied.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later attended a Reception given by the Regiment at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

The Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Major James Patrick and Captain Alexander Tetley were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Sir Brian McGrath at the Memorial Service for Sir Kenneth Kleinwort, Bt, which was held in St Michael's, Cornhill, London EC3, today.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 30: The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Victim Support Schemes, this morning attended the Press conference to launch SAMM (Support After Murder and Manslaughter) at the Hoare Memorial Hall, Church House Conference Centre, Dean's Yard, Westminster, London SW1.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Minchinhampton Centre for the Elderly, this afternoon opened Horsfall House, Windmill Road, Minchinhampton, Stroud, and was received by Colonel Martin Jones (Deputy Lieutenant of Gloucestershire).

The Princess Royal, Honorary Air Commodore, this evening attended a Ladies Guest Night at Royal Air Force Lyneham, Chippenham, Wiltshire.

Mrs William Nunneley was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 30: The Prince of Wales this morning visited Cromarty and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Ross and Cromarty (Captain Roderick Stirling of Fairburn).

His Royal Highness viewed a range of restoration projects and attended a luncheon at the Hugh Miller Institute.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited Migdale Hospital, Bonar Bridge, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Sutherland (Major-General David Houston).

His Royal Highness later visited the Ferrycroft Countryside Centre, Lairg.

Commander Richard Aylard, RN, was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 30: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon visited Northamptonshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Northamptonshire (Mr John Lowther).

Her Royal Highness visited Kettering General Hospital and opened the Accident and Emergency Department.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, subsequently opened the Society's Northampton Child and Parent Centre, Water Pump Court, Thorpelands, Northampton.

Lady Aird was in attendance.

Anniversaries

Today:
BIRTHS: King Henry III, reigned 1216-72, Winchester, 1207; Giacomo da Vignola, architect, Vignola, Italy, 1507; Paul I, Emperor of Russia 1796-1801, St Petersburg, 1754; Sir Robert Smirke, architect, London, 1781; Annie Besant, co-founder of the Theosophical Society, London, 1847; Louis Untermeyer, writer, New York, 1885; Liaquat Ali Khan, 1st Prime Minister of Pakistan 1947-51, Karnal, East Punjab, India, 1895.

DEATHS: Marsilio Ficino, scholar, 1499; Pierre Corneille, poet and dramatist, Paris, 1684; John Blow, composer, London, 1708; Sir Edwin Landseer, painter, London, 1873; Anthony Ashley Cooper, 7th Earl of Shaftesbury, social reformer, Folkestone, 1885; Benjamin Jowett, scholar, Hadley Park, Hampshire, 1893; Gregorio Martinez Sierra, dramatist, Madrid, 1947; Louis Leakey, archaeologist and anthropologist, London, 1972; Sir Sacheverell Sitwell, writer, 1988.

St Pancras station opened, London, 1868.

The Watergate trial began, 1974.

Tomorrow:
BIRTHS: King Richard III, reigned 1483-85, Fotheringay Castle, Northamptonshire, 1452; Julius von Sachs, botanist, Breslau, 1832; Sir Edward Tyler, anthropologist, London, 1832; Paul von Hindenburg, Field Marshal, 2nd President of the Weimar Republic 1925-34, Posen, 1847; Ferdinand Foch, Marshal of France, Tarbes, 1851; Sir William Ramsay, chemist, Nobel laureate 1904, Glasgow, 1852; Mahatma Gandhi, Indian political and religious leader, Probandar, Gujarat, India, 1869; Cordell Hull, American statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1945, Overton, Tennessee, 1871; Wallace Stevens, poet, Reading, Pennsylvania, 1879; Groucho Marx, comic actor, New York, 1895; Roy Campbell, poet, Durban, 1901; Shri Lal Bahadar Shastri, prime minister of India 1964-66, Mughalsarai, 1904.

DEATHS: Samuel Adams, American independence leader, Boston, Massachusetts, 1803; Sarah Biffin, miniature painter, Liverpool, 1850; Max Bruch, composer, Friedenau, near Berlin, 1920; Svante Arrhenius, chemist, Nobel laureate 1903, Stockholm, 1927; Sir Thomas Lipton, grocer, yachtsman and philanthropist, London, 1931; Marie Stopes, scientist and sex reformer, near Dorking, Surrey, 1958; Marcel Duchamp, painter, Neuilly, France, 1968; Katharine Susannah Prichard, novelist, Greenemount, Western Australia, 1969; Paavo Nurmi, athlete, 1973; Rock Hudson, actor, Beverly Hills, 1985.

The first rugby football match, Harlequins v Richmond, was played at Twickenham, 1909.

Italy invaded Abyssinia (Ethiopia), 1935.

Royal engagements

Today:
Prince Edward, as Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will visit Tyre Technic at Burton-on-Trent at 11.00; and will open a new stand and watch the running of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Chase at Uttoxeter Race Course at 11.55.

Princess Margaret, as president, will attend a dinner in aid of the NSPCC at Highgate House International Conference Centre, Creaton, Northamptonshire, at 7.45

Weekend birthdays




Julie Andrews, the actress and singer, is 59 today. The Right Rev Lord Runcie is 73 tomorrow

Today:
Admiral of the Fleet Sir Varyl Begg, 86; Mr Moran Caplat, former general administrator, Glyndebourne Festival Opera, 78; Mr Jimmy Carter, former American president, 70; Mr R. de C. Chapman, headmaster, Malvern College, 58; Cardinal Cahal Daly, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, 77; Mr Sandy Gall, broadcaster, 67; Mr John Gunnell, MP, 61; Mr Richard Hambro, chairman, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 48; Professor Sir Stuart Hampshire, former warden, Wadham College, Oxford, 80; Mr Richard Harris, actor, 61; Major D.A. Jamieson, VC, 74; Mr Walter Matthau, actor, 74; Mr Peter Nobes, former Chief Constable, West Yorkshire, 59; Mr Edward O'Hara, MP, 57; Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw, educationist, 82; Professor John Reid, clinical pharmacologist, 51; Professor Sir Roland Smith, former chairman, British Aerospace, 66; Professor Sir Colin Stansfield Smith, architect, 62; Sir Robert Telford, life president, The Marconi Company, 79; Miss Jean Thomas, biochemist, 52.

Tomorrow:
Mr Trevor Brooking, footballer, 46; Dr William Cramond, former vice-chancellor, Stirling University, 74; Lord Davies, 54; Sir Brian Dillon, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 69; Professor Sir Robin Duthie, former chairman, Britoil, 66; Mr Peter Frankl, pianist, 59; Mr Peter Hobson, headmaster, Charterhouse School, 50; Sir Geoffrey Inkin, chairman, Land Authority for Wales, 60; Colonel Sir Walter Luttrell, Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, 75; Miss Jan Morris, writer, 68; Mr Vivian Ridler, former Printer to Oxford University, 81; Lord Justice Scott, 60; Sting (Mr Gordon Sumner), rock singer, 43; Mr Gary Streeter, MP, 39; Earl Temple of Stowe, 70; Dr Duncan Thomson, keeper, Scottish National Portrait Gallery, 60; Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Tippett, 66; Lord Todd, OM, 87; Professor J.H. Whitfield, professor of Italian, 88; Lieutenant-Colonel E.C.T. Wilson, VC, 82.

Dinners

Framework Knitters' Company
The Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies, presented bursary awards to students within the knitting industry at a dinner held last night at Carpenters' Hall. Mr Peter C. Osborne, Master, presided. Mr David Goodenday and Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, also spoke.

City of London Special Constabulary
Mr Michael Howard, QC, Secretary of State for the Home Department, and Mr Trefor Morris, Chief Inspector of Constabulary, were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the City of London Special Constabulary held last night at Guildhall. Mr Julian Hurcombe-Blight, Chief Commandant, presided. The Commissioner of the City of London Police and Sir John Dellow were among the guests.

Oxford University Rugby Football Club
Members of Oxford University Rugby Football Club 1945-1952 dined at London House, Mecklenburgh Square, last night. Mr G.A. Wilson and Mr G.L. Cawkwell were the speakers.

Appointment

Mr David Beaumont to be High Commissioner to Botswana.

Memorial services

Sir Kenneth Kleinwort
The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Sir Brian McGrath at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Kenneth Kleinwort held yesterday at St Michael's, Cornhill. The Rev David Burton Evans officiated. Mr George Fearnley-Whittingstall read the lesson and Sir Richard Kleinwort, son, read from the works of Rudyard Kipling. Mr Simon Robertson, Deputy Chairman of Kleinwort Benson Group, gave an address. Among those present were:

Madeleine Lady Kleinwort (widow), Mr Alexander Kleinwort and Mr Michael Kleinwort (sons), Miss Marina Kleinwort and Selina Kleinwort (daughters), Lady Kleinwort (daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Michael Warren (brother-in-law and sister), Mr Michael Taylor and the Earl of Cottenham (brothers-in-law), Lady McGowan (sister-in-law), Miss Susanna Warren, Mrs Peter Irwin-Clark, the Hon Mrs Emma Hill, the Hon Harry McGowan.

The Earl of Shaftesbury, the Earl of Limerick, Lady Rupert Nevill, Lord Rockley (chairman, Kleinwort Benson Group) with Mr Robin Fox and Mr T G Barker (vice-chairmen), Mr David Clementi (joint chief-executive), Sir Philip Haddon-Cave, Mr David Peake with Mrs Peake and Mr Ian S Steers (directors), Mr Peter Churchill-Coleman (company secretary), Mr P H P de Pelet (director Kleinwort Benson), Mr Roger Palmer (director, Kleinwort Benson Securities), Mr George Alford (head of private banking, Kleinwort Benson Private Bank), Mrs Jacky Berthoud (Banque Kleinwort Benson), Mr Robert Jackson (Kleinwort Benson, Geneva), Mr Ron S Treby (Kleinwort Benson, Jersey) and past and present members of the group.

Sir Christopher Lever (also representing Tusk Trust), Sir Martin Jacomb (chairman, British Council), Sir William and Lady Wilkinson, Mrs George Mallinckrodt (representing the chairman, Schroders) with Mr Bruno Schroder (director), Mr Nick Bannister (Hoare Govett), Mr Michael Knight (B Metzler Seel Sohn and Company), Mr Nigel Christie (MacArthur and Co), Mr Bob Goodman (Capps and Capps), Mr James Jowitt (Frere Cholmeley Bischoff), Mr Anthony Cardew (Cardew and Co), Dr Robin Pellew and Mr Jeremy Edwards (World Wide Fund for Nature).

Mrs James Teacher (representing the chairman, Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (UK)) with Dr Myrfyn Owen (director-general) and Mr Andrew Dawnay; Mr J R Stanford (The Country Trust), Mr Peter Cooper (Sussex Housing Association), Mrs Pamela Farrell-Tredinnick (Farrell Trust), Mr David Bowerman (representing the council of King Edward VII's Hospital, Midhurst), Dr E Keat (Princess Royal Hospital League of Friends), Mr Ben Hanbury and Mrs Hanbury (representing Chailey Heritage School), Mr C J L Ellison (Disabled Housing Trust).

Mr and Mrs David Robertson, Mr and Mrs Thomas Troubridge, Mr David Burns, Mr Mark Scrase-Dickins, Mr H Legge-Bourke, Mr Peter Andreae, Mr and Mrs John Andreae, Mr Mark Andreae, Mr Max Nicholson, Mr and Mrs Alan Heber-Percy, Mr Robert Chase, Mr Simon Robertson, Miss Lorna Robertson, Mr and Mrs Michael Hawkes, Captain and Mrs Timothy Purbrick, Mr Robert Simpson, Mrs Jean Spencer, Mr L Reed, Mr Robert Henderson and Mr John S Fairbairn.

Mr John Corrin
The Queen was represented by Mr John Lowther, Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, at a memorial service for Mr John Bowes (Jack) Corrin, former Mayor of Northampton and Freeman of the Borough of Northampton, held yesterday at the Church of All Saints, Northampton. The Rev Simon Godfrey officiated. Councillor Alwyn Hargrave, Mayor of Northampton, and Dr David Walmsley read the lessons. The Ven Bazil Marsh, Archdeacon Emeritus of Northampton, gave an address and the Bishop of Brixworth pronounced the blessing.

Mr Dennis Potter

A Memorial Service will be held for Mr Dennis Potter on November 1, 1994, at 11.00am at St James's Church, Piccadilly, London.

Sternberg Centre for Judaism

Sir Sigmund Sternberg presided at a panel discussion on the Middle East Peace Process on Thursday at the Sternberg Centre for Judaism in East Finchley. Mr Moshe Raviv, Ambassador of Israel, Mr Afif Safieh, Head of the PLO Delegation to the United Kingdom, Mr Gehad Madi, Counsellor at the Embassy of Egypt, and Rabbi Tony Bayfield took part. Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, also spoke.

Marriages

Mr P.J. Dixon and Miss N.F. Calescibetta
The marriage took place on September 30 in Antibes, France, between Mr Peter Dixon, son of Mr and Mrs E.D. Dixon, of St Ives, Cornwall, and Miss Frances Calescibetta, daughter of the late Mr Joseph Calescibetta and Mrs Nadine Ferris, stepdaughter of Gorden Ferris, of Paynesville, West Virginia, USA.

Mr H.I. Zevenbergen and Miss F.M. Douglas-Hamilton
The marriage took place in Bath, on Friday, September 23, of Igor Zevenbergen and Fenella Douglas-Hamilton.

The Beaumont Union

The Beaumont Union annual dinner will be held on Friday, October 7, at The East India Club. All Old Beaumont College boys are cordially invited. Call Anne Ryan 071-435 1133.

Moor Park School, Ludlow

The 30th Anniversary Moor Park London Dinner will be held at The East India Club on Friday, October 28. For further details please contact 0584 876061.

Service dinners

Dorset Regiment (1939-1945)
Officers of the 4th and 5th Battalions Dorset Regiment (1939-1945) held their annual dinner last night at the TA Centre, Dorchester, Dorset. Colonel Philip Roper presided.

71st Yeomanry Signal Regiment
Colonel the Earl of Limerick, Honorary Colonel of the 71st Yeomanry Signal Regiment, dined with Lieutenant-Colonel S. Foakes, Commanding Officer, and Officers of the Regiment at a dinner held last night at Proteus Camp, Ollerton, Nottinghamshire, to entertain their squadron honorary colonels. Brigadier J. Neeve was the principal guest.

University news

Bradford
Professor Anthony O'Hear, Professor of Philosophy, has been appointed Honorary Director of the Royal Institute of Philosophy.

Professor Sheila Allen, Professor of Sociology, to be the university's adviser on equal opportunities.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.R. Hammond and Miss K.S. Wardle
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Bruce Hammond, of Bridford, Devon, and Kate, younger daughter of Mr Roger Wardle, of Cambridge, and Mrs Mary Toll, of Walkern, Hertfordshire.

Mr P.J.H. Nunn and Miss A.D. Goodman
The engagement is announced between Philip, eldest son of Canon and Mrs Peter Nunn, of Gloucester, and Alice, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Goodman, of Liverpool.

Mr P.J. Southby and Miss K.M. Priestland
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Sir John and Lady Southby, of Nash, Buckinghamshire, and Katherine, daughter of Dr and Mrs Neal Priestland, of Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire.

Mr P.R. Spence and Miss J.V. Fawcett
The engagement is announced between Paul Ramsay, eldest son of Professor and Mrs David Spence, of Old Headington, Oxford, and Joanna Vanessa, only daughter of Mr Dawson Fawcett, of Gillamoor, North Yorkshire, and Mrs Patricia Bromage, of Malton, North Yorkshire.

Mr B.J. Stimpson and Miss H.J. Farr
The engagement is announced between Barry, only son of Mr and Mrs John M. Stimpson, of Guildford, Surrey, and Helen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David E.J. Farr, of Barnehurst, Kent.

Mr S.G.D. Sudbury and Miss C. Crescenzi
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Sudbury, of Cheltenham, and Claudia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Giancarlo Crescenzi, of Rome.

Mr J.B. Sunley and Miss A.J. Jackson
The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr John Sunley, of Belgravia, London, and Mrs Andrew Ramage-Gibson, of Shepherds Green, Oxfordshire, and Amanda, only daughter of Major General Mike Jackson, CBE, of Tidworth, Wiltshire, and Mrs Patrick Davison, of Dulwich, London.

Church services tomorrow

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP; 9.15 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd), Locus iste (Bruckner), O Lord arise (Weelkes); 4 Choral E, Responses (Shepherd), Coll Reg (Howells), Blessed City heavenly Salem (Bairstow), Sumsion in G.

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL: 7.40M; 8 HC; 10 Choral Euch, If ye love me (Tallis), The Gloucester Mass (Shephard), Domine Deus (Vivaldi), Canon Peter Johnson; 3.30 E, Responses (Darke), Latham in E flat, Laudamus Te (Vivaldi), Canon John Simpson

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch (Our Lady Undercroft); 9.30 M (Quire); 10.30 Ordination of deacons and priests, Missa brevis (Ives), Litany (Piccolo), Rt Rev J Yates; 3.15 E, Responses (Rose), Stanford in C, Let the people praise thee (Mathias), Rev P G C Brett; 6.30 Sermon & Compline, Rev R H C Symon.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Sung Euch, Intermezzo on Holyrood (Lloyd-Webber), Mass for four voices (Byrd), Thou visitest the earth (Greene), Canon David Jenkins; 3 E, Responses (Leighton), Watson in E, Let all the world (Leighton).

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC, Canon Barry Thompson; 9.30 Parish C & Parade, Rev Jacqui Jones; 11.15 Sung Euch, Oculi omnium (Wood), Missa portae honoris (Wood), Canon David Knight; 6 E, Responses (Morley), Canticles (Wood in E flat), Lord how gracious you have been to your land (Oxley), The Provost.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 10 Family Euch, Rutter in D, Missa Brevis (Leighton), A Gaelic Blessing (Rutter), Thou visitest the earth (Greene); 11.30 Choral M, Leighton in D, Thou O God art praised in Zion (Hare); 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Leighton), Let all the world (Leighton); 6.30 E, Canon W Conway.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Collegium Regale (Howells), Terribilis est locus iste (Malcolm), Rev Canon Douglas Rhymes; 11 Sung Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Locus iste (Bruckner), Rev Canon John White; 3.30 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), Blessed City (Bairstow).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, The Dean; 10 Ireland in F, Let the bright seraphim (Handel), Canon Derek Hodgson; 11.15 HC, Darke in F, Drop, drop, slow tears, Canon Ronald Coppin; 3.30 E, Short service (Gibbons), Factum est silentium (Dering), Les anges (Messiaen).

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Blessed be the Lord God (Amner), Canon Green; 3.45 E, Preces (Leighton), O sing unto the Lord (Amner), Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense (Leighton).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch, Sarum Mass (Leighton), The Chancellor; 11.15 M, Te deum & Jubilate (Marshall), Blessed angel spirits (Tchaikovsky), Canon Ifor George-Jones; 12.30 HC; 3.45 E, Stanford in G, Firmly I believe and truly (Marshall), The Very Rev Dr B D Jackson.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Jackson in G, Jubilate in G flat, Ave verum (Elgar), Preb Michael Pollit; 3.30 E, Responses (Leighton), Murrill in E, Blessed City (Bairstow).

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Euch, Missa brevis (Leighton), Canon Mark Boyling; 3.30 E, Wood in Eb No.1, Canon Huw Thomas; 4 HC.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa brevis & Agnus Dei (Palestrina); 6.30 E, Short Service (Aylesward), Responses (Smith), The Dean of Manchester.

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 Euch, Darke in E, Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bairstow); 11.30 M, Te Deum in G/The Call (V Williams), Jubilate (Walton), Canon J Davies; 3 E, Sumsion in G, The Lord is my Shepherd (Stanford).

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Missa sancti nicolai (Haydn), I was glad (Parry), Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), Listen, sweet love (Ives), Rev Stephen Lyon; 3 E, Stanford in A, Let all the world (Leighton), Rev E Evans.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Sung Euch, Missa brevis (Leighton), Drop, drop slow tears (Leighton), Rev GO Farran; 11.30 M, Sicut cervus desiderat (Palestrina); 3 E, The Second Service & Let all the world in every corner sing (Leighton), The Very Rev Lewis.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Leighton), Stanford in C, I waited for the Lord (Mendelssohn), Canon Colin Semper; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Missa brevis (Leighton), Salvator mundi (Blow), Litany to the Holy Spirit (Hurford), The Dean; 3 E, Wood in F, Faire is the heaven (Harris), The Rev Matthew Lawson; 5.45 Organ Recital, David Gammie; 6.30 ES, Rev Jonathan Goodall.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 M; 10.30 Solemn M, Missa Euge bone (Tye), Exsultate Deo (Palestrina), Toccata (Dubois); 10 MP; 3.30 Solemn V&B

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch, Tantum ergo (Duruflé), Jackson in G, Rev John Habgood; 11.30 M, Collegium Regale (Howells); 4 E, Second Service & Let all the world (Leighton), Very Rev Raymond Furnell.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Never weather beaten sail (Shephard), Choral et Fugue (Dupre), The Dean; 3.30 E, Responses (Statham), Hail Gladdening Light (Wood).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 6 LM; 11.30 SM, O Quam Gloriosam (Victoria), Ave Maria (Rachmaninov), Fr Anthony Barratt; 3.30 Special M, Adult Confirmation.

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8, 10 HC, Gloria in excelsis (Kodaly), The Minister; 11.30 MS, Awake the harp (Haydn), The Minister; St Giles at Six, Organ Recital, Ian Hare; 8 ES, Rev Dr Philip Newell.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8, 11.30 HC, Missa Brevis (Leighton, O taste and see (V Williams); 10.30 M, Responses (Leighton), Britten in E flat, Ven G Cassidy; 3.15 E, Collegim Magdalenae Oxoniense / An Evening Hymn (Leighton), Rev M Kettle.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 SC; 11 S Euch, The Provost; 6.30 SE.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Missa "Ecce nunc benedicite" (Lassus), Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom (Tomkins), The Vicar; 6 E&B, The First Service (Morley), Sing we merrily (Batten), Rev P McGeary

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9 C; 11 Rev S Wookey; 6.30, Rev Preb R Bewes.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11, Missa O Magnum mysterium (Vittoria), Hear the voice and prayer (Tallis), Tantum ergo in C (Bruckner).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 Parish C; 6 E, Rev P Elvy.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Mr Jeremy Jennings; 11 Guest Service, Rev Sandy Millar; 6.30 Guest Service, Rev Nicholas Gumbel.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10 Mass, 11 Spatzenmesse (Mozart), Ave regina caelorum (Victoria); 12.30, 4.30, 7 Mass; 3.30 V & B, 3.30 Ave Maria (Victoria)

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 MS with HC, Rev Paul Hulme.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, Prof P Rivett; 6.30 Rev Dr R Tudor.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Dr Scott Ickert; 2 Swahili HC, Rev Charity Nyagawa; 7 Choral M, Missa brevis (Antonin Tucapsky), Pastorale (McCabe), Rev Ronald T Englund

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch; 6.30 Choral E, Preb Michael Shrewsbury.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Mass in C (Ireland), Thou visitest the earth (Greene), Dr David Roper.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11, 6.30, Harvest Festival, Rev J McIndoe; 6.30 Music for Harvest.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Missa St Theresiae ab Infante Jesu (Refice); Factum est silentium (de Monte), Toccata sesta (Frescobaldi).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Missa brevis (Darlow), Jesu, Flos Matris (Palestrina), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), O quam suavis (Byrd), Rev Andrew Meldrum; 6 E & Ministry of Healing, Fauxbourdons (Tallis), The Lord is my shepherd (Howells).

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 Family Euch, Missa de Angelis, Missa brevis in F (Mozart), O praise the Lord (Batten), Fugue in D minor 'The Giant' (Bach), Rev Gerald Beauchamp; 6.30 E, Ye boundless realms of joy (Handel), Toccata Beorma (Thalben-Ball).

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Schubert in G, Canon C Hill.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Sung Euch, Derke in F, The heavens are telling (Haydn), Canon Donald Gray.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8, 12.30 HC, Rev W Ratchford; 9.45 Euch, Mass Setting (Ratchford), For the beauty of the earth (Rutter), O praise the Lord (Batten), Rev J Pridmore; 11.30 Visitors, Responses (Rose), All things bright and beautiful (Rutter), Rev B Schunemann; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev G Lee; 3 Pearlies Harvest Festival, Thou visitest the earth (Greene); 5 E, Responses (Morley), Short Service (Byrd); 6.30 ES, Diakon J Conzelmann.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis (Berkeley), Canon Gordon Reid; 6 Solemn E&B; 7 LM.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Leighton in D, Thou visitest the earth (Greene); 6 E.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Great is the Lord (Elgar), Rev Christine Owen; 6.30 Ministry of Healing, Rev Jack Maples.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 S Euch, Missa De La Batalla Escouter (Guerrero), Factum est silentium (Dering), Carillon on Orientibus Partibus (Wills), Fr Younger.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 Solemn M, Mass in E flat (Rheinberger), Ave verum Corpus Christi (Poulenc), Tantum ergo (Faure), Canon Christopher Colven; 6 EP&B.

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M, Responses (Tomkins), Short Service (Byrd), Factum est silentium (Dering), Canon J E Murphy.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 S Euch, Coll Reg (Howells), Rev W J Booth.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 M; 11 Choral Euch, Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), Five voices (Byrd), Of the glorious body (Victoria); 3.30 E, I was glad (Parry), Brewer in D, Blessed City (Bairstow).

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 S Euch, Darke in F, The Chaplain.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Responses (Rose), Te deum Laudamus (Thalben-Ball), Sonata No.3 (Mendelssohn), The Master.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Choral HC, O Lord increase my faith (Gibbons), Ireland in C Lord that descendest (Gritton), Rev K Joyce.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 Sung Euch, If ye love me (Tallis), Thou visitest the earth (Greene), The Chaplain.

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Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the One who sent me.
St Luke 10:16 (REB)

BIRTHS

BRIDGE - On September 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Susan (née Roe) and Andrew, beautiful twins, Alex Peter and Tessa Emma, a brother and sister for Oliver.

BROWN - On 24th September, in Bristol, to Felicity (née Chandler) and David, a daughter, Sophie Helen Florence.

COMPTON - On September 23rd at the Wellington Hospital, a precious son to Camille (née Thompson) and Michael.

CROSSLEY - On September 21st 1994, at 12.07 am, to Dominic and Toni, a beautiful baby girl, Francesca Rose (9lbs 2oz), a little sister for Darryl.

D'AMARIO - On September 26th at the Wellington Hospital, to Maria and Peter, a son, James Edgerly.

DIGGLE - On September 27th, to Anne (née Cholmondeley Tapper) and Peter, a daughter, a sister for Rebecca. Name to be announced.

KENNY - On 6th September, to Valerie (née Smith) and Michael, a son, Patrick Alastair, a brother for Katharine.

KNOWLES - On 28th September, to Kitty (née Kitson) and Edward, a son.

WELLS - On 23rd September at the Wellington Hospital, to Mary (née Daly) and Robert, a daughter, Louise Mary.

YATES - On September 23rd 1994 at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Jane (née Cowan) and Robert, a son, William John.

DEATHS

ADDERLEY - On September 29th, peacefully in hospital, Angela Adderley (née Molly Slocombe), known professionally as Angela Barrie, aged 85. Widow of James William Adderley MBE, much loved mother of Suzy. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Wednesday October 5th at 11.am. Flowers or donations to Imperial Cancer Research c/o Ernest Larner & Son Funeral Directors, (081) 788-2942.

CAPEL-CURE - On 28th September, peacefully in hospital in Worcester, Lt Col. Kenneth Capel-Cure. Very much loved husband of Edwina, father of Sue and Charles, father-in-law of John and grandfather of Anna and Hugo. Service of Thanksgiving followed by Commendation and Committal will be held in the Church of St George, St George's Square, Worcester, on Monday 10th October at 2.30 o'clock. Family flowers only, donations please to Friends of Huntingdon Hall, Deansway, Worcester, WR1 2ES.

CONNOLLY - On 28th September 1994, peacefully in St Raphael's Hospice, Peter Michael aged 74 years. Dearly beloved father of James. Service to be held at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon SW19, on Friday 7th October at 2.30pm. Cremation for family only. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to St Raphael's Hospice, Cheam, Surrey.

DUDGEON - On September 30th, peacefully at home, with Tony beside her. Phyl, beloved of Michael, Jacquie, her grandchildren and many many friends. Cremation service and committal Thursday 6th October at Putney Vale Crematorium, 11.30 am.

EVANS - Peter, suddenly on 26th September, at home, aged 61. Much loved husband and father of Katherine, Mark, Ruth, Rebecca and Benjamin. The funeral will be held at 12.30pm on Monday 3rd October at Kensal Green Crematorium, Harrow Road, W10. Donations to the Mayhew Home, Trenmar Gardens, London NW10 6BJ, as Peter would have wished.

GARDINER - Helen Kate (Kay) on 29th September 1994 peacefully at Caldew Hospital, Carlisle, after a long illness. Requiem Mass at Our Lady and St Joseph's Church, Warwick Square, Carlisle, on Tuesday 4th October at 12.10 pm. Family flowers only. Donations in memory to "Life" c/o George Hudson & Sons, 118 Wigton Road, Carlisle CA2 7ES.

GLOVER - On 28th September 1994, tragically at Cordoba, Argentina. Cameron Kent aged 47 with his son Simon Kent aged 20. Greatly loved husband and stepson of Penelope and father of James. He will be sadly missed by family, friends and colleagues. Funeral Service to be held in Sydney, Australia. Memorial Service to be held in London at a further date. They rest in God's hands.

GOODEVE-DOCKER - Michael Lee, peacefully on 28th September at Burnham-on-Sea. Devoted and dearly loved husband of Phyl and much loved by his family and many friends. He will be fondly remembered for his many years as Headmaster of Hawtreys. Funeral Service St Andrew's Church, Burnham-on-Sea, Tuesday 11th October at 2.pm. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for St Andrew's Restoration Fund to Messrs P.J. Harris Funeral Directors, 2 Cross Street, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset. tel: (01278) 782886.

GRIFFITH - On 28th September 1994 at the Glen-Carrig Nursing Home, Bournemouth, John Maurice (Jack), Lt. Colonel R.E. Husband of the late Jean and father of Barry and Jane. Friend and constant companion of Mollie this last 26 years. Enquiries to George Scott (Funeral Directors) Ltd., tel: (01202) 398827.

HACKER - Erwin, on Wednesday 28th September at St Bartholomew's, London. Father of Paul, Jane and Robert, husband of the late Miriam. After a short illness. Remembered dearly. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, Monday 3rd October at 3 pm.

HIGGINS - T.J. (Tom), on September 24th, peacefully in hospital. Much loved husband of Doreen and dear father of Janet and Leslie. Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, on Monday October 3rd at 12 noon. No flowers please, donations if wished to your favourite charity.

HILL - On September 28th, peacefully, at Clare Hall Nursing Home, John Charles Calthorne, aged 77. Much loved father of Serena and Mark and grandfather of Leona, Alexander and Harry. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Compton Martin, on Wednesday October 5th at 2.30 pm. Flowers or donations, if desired, to the R.N.L.I. c/o Michael W. Rowe Funeral Director, Tunbridge Cottage, Chew Magna, Avon, tel: (0275) 332568.

HUNT - On September 29th, peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Warren Hunt, sometime Bishop of Repton, in his 86th year. Loving priest, husband, father and grandfather. Requiem at Chichester Cathedral on Friday October 7th at 12.45 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Edward White and Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester.

HUXLEY - Juliette, widow of Sir Julian Huxley, died on 28th September in the Royal Free Hospital. Funeral at 3.30 pm Monday 10th October at the Golders Green Crematorium.

JURKSCHAT - (née MacGregor-Morris) Pamela, died peacefully following a stroke in Bovey Tracey Hospital, on September 28th 1994. Funeral Service at Bovey Tracey Parish Church on Wednesday 5th October 1994 at 2 pm.

KNAPP - Elizabeth Corrie, widow of Brian Knapp, on 28th September 1994, peacefully. Funeral Service at 3.pm on Thursday 6th October at St Mary Abbots, Kensington High Street, corner of Kensington Church Street, London W8, followed by private cremation.

O'RORKE - On 29th September, Richard Alwyne Lawrence (Rae) aged 79. Husband of the late Maisya. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving St Mary the Boltons, 3.pm Friday 7th October.

RENWICK - On September 29th 1994, peacefully in the Royal Brompton Hospital, from cancer, Professor James Harrison, DSc, FRCP. Born 4th February 1926, Otley, Yorkshire. Much loved by his wife, Kate, and first wife, Lena, and children Douglas and Gregory, and Arnold and Sonia. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, Funeral Directors, (071) 239-3810. Funeral Service, Friday 7th October, 1.15pm, Cambridge Crematorium, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge.

ROBINSON - Died, after illness at home, on 29th September, Amy Clark ("A") of Newcastle upon Tyne. Dearly loved wife of the late Michael, mother of Robbie, Anthony, Daphne and Jill. Enquiries to John Bardgett & Sons Ltd., (091) 273-9292.

TUBBS - (née Hookway) Susan on September 28th, after a courageous fight following a riding accident. Wife of Jasper and mother of Hamish. Funeral, 2.30 pm, Tuesday October 4th at Ullingswick Church. Family flowers only. Donations to Air Ambulance and Riding for the Disabled.

WATTS - Matthew Lionel, aged 72 years, on Wednesday September 28th at Torquay. Beloved husband of Primrose Sarah, devoted father to Clive, Michael, Marilyn, Evan, Nicholas and Frances and loving grandad to all his grandchildren. Funeral Service at Cockington Church on Friday October 7th at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for The Exeter Kidney Unit may be sent to the Co-operative Funeral Service, 79/85 Barton Road, Torquay, Devon TQ2 7NY.

WILTON - Elizabeth Ann (Bunny) née Gorddard, on September 26th 1994, in Princes Risborough. Beloved wife of the late Sqdn. Ldr. James Wilton, mother of Anne and Mark.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HUNT - A Memorial Service for the late James Hunt, Fellow Commoner of Magdalene College 1973-1994, will be held at 2.30 pm on Saturday 5th November 1994 in the College Chapel, followed by tea afterwards in Hall.

WELBY-EVERARD - A Memorial Service will be held for Lady S.J.W. (Peggy) Welby-Everard at Ropsley Church, nr. Grantham, on Saturday 29th October at 3pm.

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Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Peter Lomas of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
A WINTERBOTTOM, DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICES

NO. 7648 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
IN BANKRUPTCY
ANNA DUNN
TO: ANNA DUNN
TAKE NOTICE THAT A Bankruptcy Petition has been presented against you in this Court by Celia Joyce Marjorie Burke of 12 St John's Close, Leadenham, Sleaford, Lincolnshire and Margaret Vida Walsh of 4 Mandle Road, Edith Weston, Oakham, Leicestershire and the Court has Ordered that advertisement of the Bankruptcy Petition within a nationally circulated newspaper shall be deemed to be service of the Petition upon you.
The said Petition will be heard at this Court on:
Date: Thursday 27th October 1994
Time: 10.00 hours
Place: The Royal Courts of Justice, Thomas More Building, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL.
IMPORTANT
If you do not attend the Hearing of the Petition the Court may make a Bankruptcy Order against you in your absence.
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Dated this 10th day of August 1994.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT 1963
I, ANTONY THOMAS NAGLE of The Royal Park Hotel, 380-382 Seven Sisters Road, London N4 2PQ, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that on the 30th day of September 1994 I made application to the Betting Licensing Committee for the East Central Petty Sessional Division in the Inner London Area for the grant of a Betting Office Licence in respect of 69 Upper Street, London N1 [illegible].
ANY PERSON who desires to object to the grant of such Betting Office Licence should send to the Clerk to the Betting Licensing Committee at Highbury Corner Magistrates Court, 51 Holloway Road, London N7 not later than 15th day of October 1994, two copies of a brief statement in writing of the grounds of his objection.
DATED this 30th day of September 1994 A.T. NAGLE

MAURICE ASHLEY

Maurice Ashley, CBE, historian and former editor of *The Listener*, died on September 26 aged 87. He was born on September 4, 1907.



MAURICE ASHLEY devoted the majority of his life to the writing of history, principally of the 17th century. He possessed a clear, incisive prose style and brought to his subjects — he wrote 30 books in all — an objective outlook and a shrewd insight. His most celebrated works were probably *Cromwell* (1937) and *General Monck* (1976) — though the book that had the greatest academic influence may well have been his first, *Financial and Commercial Policy Under the Commonwealth Protectorate*, which he published when he was 27 (it having formed the basis of his successful DPhil thesis).

Maurice Percy Ashley was the son of Sir Percy Ashley, a senior civil servant. He was educated at St Paul's School and at New College, Oxford, where he was a senior scholar and won both the Stanhope Essay Prize and the Gladstone Memorial Prize, proceeding to a first-class degree in Modern History.

After this auspicious start he could have hoped to become a don but found himself instead appointed in 1929 literary assistant to Winston Churchill (the first of a long succession) at a salary of £300 a year. He had been recommended for the post by the Oxford historian, Keith Feiling, who had been tutor at Christ Church to Churchill's son, Randolph (Ashley's own tutor had been the New College don, David Ogg). Winston Churchill at the time had just embarked on his mammoth biography of his ancestor the great Duke of Marlborough. Deliberately designed as a panegyric, whatever balance the final four-volume work contained was probably due to the restraining hand of Ashley. Much later he was to write a perceptive analysis of his master's methods in his book, *Churchill as Historian* (1968).

In 1933 he joined the *Manchester Guardian* as a leader writer, moving to *The Times* in 1937 as a foreign subeditor. In 1939 he was initially recruited to the Ministry of Supply but in 1940 felt impelled to enlist, originally joining the Grenadier Guards as a guardsman. Mercifully, he was rescued from this and transferred to the Intelligence Corps, in which, like many other people with good brains, he served with distinction, becoming a major by 1945.

After the war he did not rejoin *The Times* but instead — in a move that was to mould his middle life — had the good fortune to be appointed deputy editor of the BBC's weekly publication, *The Listener*. He held the post for 11 years before being made the magazine's editor in 1958 (his fame as a historian can have done him no harm in securing this slightly unusual internal promotion).

The Listener of the late 1950s flourished with a circulation of 90,000 a week, which could be pushed up to as much as 110,000 with issues that contained such material as the Reith Lectures. But when Ashley retired in 1967 — to be succeeded by Karl Miller — those figures were well down. This was certainly not entirely his fault: the new dominance of television had transformed the nature of the paper and the ever-growing scope of the Sunday newspapers was already posing a direct threat to the corner of the market traditionally occupied by the weeklies.

In fact, Ashley's editorship of *The Listener* chimed in very well with Hugh Greene's opening up of the BBC's windows. When he arrived in the editor's chair, Joe Ackerley was still literary editor of *The Listener* and the gentleness with which he led and supervised this significant but eccentric figure was a model of how any commander should deal with his subordinates. In eventually replacing Ackerley — and in expanding new parts of the paper — Ashley's salient characteristic was his ability to discover and employ the talent of very much younger writers: Derwent May, Ken Gransden, Oleg Kerensky (the grandson of Alexander Kerensky), Anthony Thwaite — the list is long and distinguished. All were frequently asked to glasses of sherry and lunch at the Reform Club. He also opened up the pages of *The Listener* so that it became not just a staid memorial to talks from the old BBC Talks Department but also a journal that reflected spoken word material from all parts of the BBC's output, including television.

If some of his later historical writing never quite reached the heights of his earlier work, it was, no doubt, partly because of the demands *The Listener* made on his time and energy for a total of more than twenty years. But he never lost his interest in the 17th century as a historical period or in the Civil War as its main episode: his last book, entitled *The Battle of Naseby and the Fall of Charles I*, came out only two years ago. He took great pride in his presidency of the Cromwell Association, a position he held for 16 years, resigning from it in 1977, the year before he was appointed CBE.

Maurice Ashley was twice married, first to Phyllis Griffiths who died in 1987, and secondly in 1988 to Pat Entract, who had been his colleague on *The Listener* for many years. The joyous happiness of their last seven years together, living in Highgate with their cat Rocket, was a wonderful thing to behold. He is survived by her, and by a daughter and a son from his first marriage.

PAMELA MacGREGOR-MORRIS

Pamela MacGregor-Morris, former equestrian correspondent for *The Times*, died after a stroke at Bovey Tracey, Devon, on September 28 aged 69. She was born on September 25, 1925.



PAMELA MacGREGOR-MORRIS first wrote on equestrian matters for *The Times* in 1950 — only two years before the British showjumping team won a gold medal at the 1952 Olympic Games. She was one of those journalists responsible for elevating the sport within the equestrian world, when English showjumping had such names as Pat Smythe, Peter Robeson and Sir Harry Llewellyn to conjure with.

She was a fiercely independent, forthright woman who thought nothing of crossing the country to events in her old Alvis car, accompanied only by an Irish wolfhound called Arkle. She crossed swords with many in the showjumping world — particularly those she felt were cruel to their horses. But she earned great respect, too, within her profession for her expert coverage of showhunters, showjumping and eventing, and for the sheer longevity of her career. For almost forty years, she attended all the big shows, dressed in a double-breasted tweed suit and velvet beret. The only time she was ever seen in trousers was when taking her dogs for a walk in Hyde Park.

Pamela Elizabeth MacGregor-Morris was the daughter of an ear, nose and throat surgeon at the old City of London Hospital. She spent the war years in America, where she was educated at Kent Place School in upstate New Jersey. She started riding as a child in Hyde Park, and was contributing articles to *Horse and Hound* magazine by the time she was 20. Her first book — a novel — was published when she was 22, but equestrian journalism was becoming the mainstay of her income. Even at that age, she had an encyclopaedic knowledge of horses of the prewar era, and was an expert on what sort of team a country might be able to mount for any big event.

At that time, the equestrian correspondent of *The Times* was Major John Board, a man whose enormous enthusiasm for foxhunting and polo tended to preclude any interest in showjumping — a sport he referred to as "the jumping circus". Indeed, he frequently asked his youthful woman colleague to cover the last moments of any show he was forced to attend, while he escaped to his club. Thus began her long association with *The Times*.

It was not until 1950 that MacGregor-Morris became the equestrian correspondent for the paper on a more official footing. She continued for the next thirty years — in a staff position from 1963 — an indefatigable player on the sports news team. She retired in 1982 from *The Times*, but carried on writing for the *Horse and Hound*, and also wrote around thirty books on the subject.

She met her husband, Rudi Jurkschat, while researching for a book on Chipperfield's Circus, a subject she covered with customary thoroughness by living with the family and travelling from pitch to pitch with the show. It was at Billy Smart's Circus that she met Jurkschat, a Latvian-born horse, llama and camel trainer, some years older than she was. He died in 1980.

She remained as spirited as ever in retirement, and in 1985 was involved in a very public row with her local authority in Devon over non-payment of parking fines — charges from which she claimed to be exempt. Friends only saved her from jail when they stepped in and paid the money on her behalf at the last moment.

Pamela MacGregor-Morris is survived by two sons, one daughter having predeceased her.

THE RIGHT REV E. R. WICKHAM

The Right Rev E. R. Wickham, Bishop of Middleton, 1959-82, died in Manchester on September 29 aged 82. He was born in London on November 3, 1911.



Ted Wickham, speaking to a group of workers, centre, with Bishop Leslie Hunter listening to his left

TED WICKHAM, as he was always known, was a pioneer of industrial mission in the Church of England. At the height of his powers, more than 100 groups were meeting in South Yorkshire factories. He and the Bishop of Sheffield would sit with a small workers' group in the corner of a works arguing for a Christian society where justice for everyone was the aim of workers and management. He always ended with the question: "Do you think the Church ought to come to the shopfloor? Well, do you?" In Sheffield he built up a staff of 20 colleagues in the diocesan mission team, a unique experiment in evangelism in England.

Edward Ralph Wickham was educated at King's College London and trained for the ministry in the Catholic tradition of the Anglican Church at St Stephen's House, Oxford, in 1938. He served as a wartime industrial chaplain at the Royal Ordnance Factory at Swynnerton, and was then appointed by Bishop Leslie Hunter as leader of the Industrial Mission in the diocese of Sheffield in 1944, becoming Bishop of Middleton — a suffragan to the Bishop of Manchester — in 1959. Here he was Chairman of Council and Pro-Chancellor of Salford University, which awarded him an honorary DLitt and enabled him to put into practice his conviction that part of the task of an established Church is to minister to existing institutions. However, his most creative work had been done in Sheffield, and his years in Manchester were an anti-climax.

In Sheffield he had been fortunate in the guidance of Bishop Leslie Hunter, who had diplomatically dealt with criticisms by parochial clergy, and had given Wickham the time and resources to research his classic work, *Church and People in an Industrial City* (1957). Wickham rebutted the received wisdom of the day that the workers had once been churchgoers, or at least chapel-attenders, before they were led astray by Darwin, Marx and Freud. He argued that Christianity had never understood the magnitude and the nature of the scientific and industrial revolution and he pleaded for a new approach with a language and a theology which could be understood.

Wickham sensed the irrelevance of much of "church life" in industrial Europe, and drew on a range of thought from radical Protestant theologians, especially Soren Kierkegaard and Paul Tillich, Roman Catholic modernists, including Von Hügel and George Tyrrell, and the French Industrial Mission. He and Hunter were in close touch with the Mission de France, many of whose leaders they met in Paris where Cardinal Suhard had encouraged those heroic priests who had themselves been in the Nazi forced labour camps to remain in industrial work, and to share the outlook and ethos of the workers. Their reports were studied in Sheffield, and Hunter himself was in Paris on that tragic day in 1959 when the Holy See — pressurised perhaps by right-wing American anti-Communist caucuses — ordered the French hierarchy to end this historic movement.

In Sheffield the work of the Industrial Mission continued: "England is not France," as Wickham put it. It was accepted as essential because parishes in industrial areas were not able to create worshipping congregations of any size, whatever their approach; moreover, Wickham believed that Christians tended "to huddle together" rather than engage with a growingly secular society. He did not, however, wish priests to become full-time industrial workers, and argued that, if the Church were sufficiently serious in its attempts to meet working men and women, the claims of the Gospel would be recognised.

Gradually the mission gained entrance to more factories but the departure of Wickham to Manchester and the retirement of Bishop Leslie Hunter left a vacuum in which a more dogmatic church leadership reduced the numbers of the mission staff. Wickham was still in demand and chaired commissions for the Church Assembly on the closed shop, Moral Re-armament and attitudes towards industry. But his most creative work was smothered and he was unsettled as a suffragan in Manchester, not able to be part of a close-knit diocesan team.

In the 1940s and 1950s Wickham was a tonic for the Church, a lecturer much in demand. He was a keen rock-climber and angler. Thanks to Helen, his talented wife, their home in Sheffield was a haven of hospitality. Always alive with an irreverent questioning of the status quo they were, in Wickham's phrase, "infection, affection and disaffection" and together worked for a new look for the Church of England.

He leaves his widow, one son and two daughters.

GIUSEPPE BERTORELLI

Giuseppe Bertorelli, restaurateur, died in Surrey on September 12 aged 101. He was born in Bergazzi, northern Italy on June 10, 1893.



GIUSEPPE BERTORELLI was the youngest of four brothers to introduce Italian cooking to London. At one time, there were six Bertorelli restaurants in the metropolis, attracting an eclectic group of customers, including students, opera singers, artists such as Augustus John, and Italian businessmen.

Their style changed very little over the years — starched white linen tablecloths, traditional northern Italian cooking and elderly waiters being the order of the day. Indeed, the continuing family involvement in the business side of the restaurant and the extraordinarily low turnover of staff (one cook was still peeling garlic well into his eighties) turned them into something of an institution in London, and when the original Charlotte Street restaurant was forced to close in 1984, a plaque proudly marked the spot where it had once stood. But the business contracted after reaching its peak in the 1960s, as a decreasing number of Bertorelli offspring opted to join it. There is now only one Bertorelli restaurant remaining, in Floral Street, Covent Garden.

Giuseppe Domenico Bertorelli was born in Bergazzi, a village in northern Italy near Bardi. His father and three brothers were meanwhile already living in London, working on business ventures which included a boarding-house for Italians.

Bertorelli spent two years in London as a waiter before heading for New York, where he became known as "Joe" and worked at the Plaza Hotel — a stopping-off point for stars from the Metropolitan Opera House. He particularly admired Caruso, who always remembered to ask after his family. In 1916 he became an American citizen, and during the First World War worked in a munitions factory.

Stomach disorders kept him from active service, and it was his ongoing weak digestion that led, he later claimed, to much of his success as a restaurateur: when he returned to London to help his three brothers in 1922, he did so with an advanced knowledge, for his day, of nutritional science. This he combined with other business rules: never to borrow money, to keep prices low and to discourage women in the family from being involved with the business in order to ensure domestic harmony. The Bertorelli brothers were also among the first to give their staff a day off each week, a practice considered overly generous at the time, but which ensured great loyalty.

The brothers had started in the catering business with cafés at Shoreditch and Waterloo Bridge, and in 1913 bought the café in Charlotte Street in Fitzrovia, serving traditional English food. However, the chauffeurs who made up the bulk of their customers soon overcame their initial suspicion and began to ask for the same food that the family were eating themselves. The Bertorellis opened another restaurant in Shepherds Bush, expanded the Charlotte Street premises, then followed with another in Edgware Road, and later one in Queensway.

Giuseppe Bertorelli became a British citizen in 1936 and spent the war years in London overseeing the day-to-day running of the business, while his growing family served in the British Army (posters announcing this fact were placed in the windows to counter anti-Italian feeling). In 1948 the family expanded their interests into ice cream, and for many years supplied Harrods and Fortnum & Mason.

Giuseppe Bertorelli retired at 83, and thereafter spent more time in Italy, often attending the opera, on which he was a great expert, and gardening. When in Britain, he continued to take an interest in the business, watching everything from his table in Floral Street through a haze of cigar smoke.

He is survived by his two sons, his wife Maria having died in 1978.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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FUNERAL OF SIR WALTER SCOTT

(Abridged from the *Edinburgh Courant*)

Yesterday the honoured remains of Sir Walter Scott were consigned to the tomb, amid the unfeigned regret of thousands. Never perhaps was the esteem in which this truly great man was held more conspicuously displayed than on this melancholy occasion. A little after 2 o'clock the melancholy procession, consisting of carriages, numerous other vehicles, and horsemen, began to move from Abbotsford, and proceeded through the towns of Darnick and Melrose, and by the Fly-bridge to Dryburgh-abbey. As the long funeral train passed through the villages and hamlets one universal feeling of deep sorrow pervaded all classes. Groups of people were assembled at different parts of the road and on elevated points from which a view could be obtained. Most of them were in mourning, and many standing uncovered. The decency, propriety, and reverential silence which was observed gave a very impressive character to the scene. In passing through the towns, those respectful observances were still more striking. The streets of Melrose were lined on both sides with the inhabitants in mourning, and uncovered. The shops of this and other towns were shut: the sign-boards were covered with black; the aged and the lame came forth to pay their last tribute to departed worth. At Dryburgh-abbey the body, on being taken from the hearse, was born by his own domestics to the grave, they having specially requested that no foreign hand should be allowed to touch the remains of a master so honoured and so beloved. Before the body was committed to the earth, the English burial service was read by the Rev. J. Williams, rector of the Edinburgh Academy. The effect of the scene was at this time impressive far beyond what any words can convey, and we could not help thinking of his own beautiful words—"They sleep with him who sleeps below." The spot in which Sir Walter Scott is laid is in the north wing of the splendid ruin of Dryburgh-abbey. The situation is secluded and romantic, and quite congenial to all the ideas of the deceased . . .

We understand that Sir Walter's head was opened on Sunday and that the left side of the brain was found in a soft state, and that there were globules of water under the left lobe—appearances which fully accounted for all the fatal symptoms by which he has been affected.

ON THIS DAY

October 1 1832

Some, at least, of the general admiration for Sir Walter Scott was attributable to the courage with which he faced up to his debts and to the slow decline of his mental powers.

NEWS

Plague fears hit Indian tourist trade

■ The Indian government's attempts to downplay the growing crisis over the plague backfired as travel companies cancelled holidays and the West Indies cricket tour was postponed.

As India's growing sense of international isolation intensified there was widespread scepticism over the official figures of deaths and infections ..... Pages 1, 2

Irish PM kept waiting by 'too-ill' Yeltsin

■ Albert Reynolds, the Irish Prime Minister, was left cooling his heels on the tarmac at Shannon airport yesterday when a "too ill" Boris Yeltsin failed to emerge from his presidential jet for a planned summit meeting. Mischievous tongues swiftly began wagging: had Mr Yeltsin over-indulged? ..... Page 1

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The wreck of the ferry *Estonia* has been found by a Finnish vessel but the cause of the disaster remains unknown ..... Pages 1, 14

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End of an era

The retirement of Dr Habgood as Archbishop of York marks the end of a divisive era ..... Page 10

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Criminal proceedings for poisoning have begun against Laurent Fabius, the former French Prime Minister ..... Page 11

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■ America has become the canvas on which the competing sides in the Northern Ireland conflict come to paint their views. Following in Gerry Adams's footsteps, Loyalist paramilitaries are planning to put their case to the US public ..... Page 17



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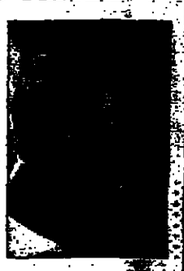
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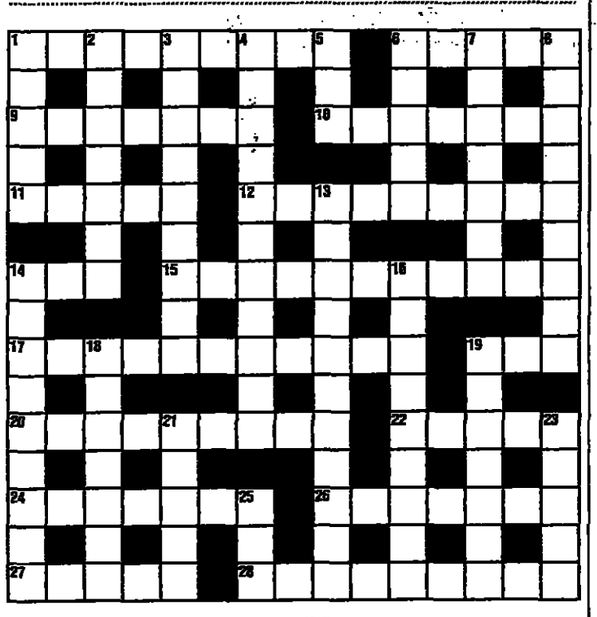
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Name/Address .....



ACROSS

1 Dangerous situation that proved fatal for Billy Bones (5,4).
6 Carved roast (3,2).
9 Delayed, in addition, by unfinished combat (7).
10 Old instrument inscribing the circle round a sphere (7).
11 Molten stuff cooling eventually by degrees (5).
12 Appropriate work or song, without piano (9).
14 Jack tar's first off vessel (3).
15 Polish off chop I cooked, remaining calm (11).
17 Discourage inmate after maiden's move is fixed (11).
19 A star's little boy (3).
20 Neat prose composition in common language (9).
22 Fired again, in retreat from hostile rebels (5).
24 They may be on watch at noon, as demanded by gunman (5,2).
26 Profession of a partner in Muslim country (7).
27 Briton's little dog has surprised expression (5).
28 Ready to meet minor expenses (5,4).

DOWN

1 Perfection of Joyce's character (5).
2 State imprisons English retaliator (7).
3 Criminal from Leatherhead (9).
4 Part of speech made by representative in office (11).
5 Express disapproval as short skirt's made even shorter (3).
6 Jump over net (5).
7 Completed most of the course's difficult section (7).
8 Demonstrated state of part of France (9).
13 Champion in a sport got knocked out (11).
14 Book informed about the legal position (9).
16 Prepared to cook duck, and every combination ordered (4-5).
18 Man putting horse in for Derby or Cambridgeshire, say (7).
19 Aunt Sally quickly cooked fruit (7).
21 Out of practice in game, stumped before close of play (5).
23 Saw projections giving effective power (5).
25 Defeat a seed (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,656

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ALPHABET JOCKEY
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EGGED MALIGNANT
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SOUNDBARRIER

Solution to Puzzle No 19,661

VIOLET SQUATTER
N A O T B U E
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L F H E L E I
MONUMENT GOBLIN
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E LOOKHERE G E
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A I O E H R S
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OVERSEAS SITTER

LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: W Hague/Traquair, Doncaster, South Yorkshire; G R Lang, Chelmsford, Essex; P Lee, Rochdale; J G Lynch, Midlothian; D R Nicoll, Hollybush, Herefordshire.

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

TODAY

Sun rises: 7.01 am — Sun sets: 6.39 pm
Moon sets: 4.36 pm — Moon rises: 2.19 am

New Moon October 4

London 6.39 pm to 7.02 am
Bristol 6.43 pm to 7.12 am
Edinburgh 6.49 pm to 7.17 am
Manchester 6.46 pm to 7.12 am
Penzance 7.01 pm to 7.23 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 7.02 am — Sun sets: 6.37 pm
Moon sets: 5.02 pm — Moon rises: 3.33 am

New Moon October 4

London 6.37 pm to 7.04 am
Bristol 6.45 pm to 7.14 am
Edinburgh 6.46 pm to 7.19 am
Manchester 6.44 pm to 7.14 am
Penzance 6.58 pm to 7.25 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.50	5.8	10.35	6.0
Aberdeen	10.33	3.6	10.40	3.8
Avonmouth	3.29	10.0	3.58	10.5
Belfast	7.28	2.9	7.43	3.1
Cardiff	3.05	9.36	3.35	10.13
Devonport	2.17	4.3	2.33	4.7
Dover	7.40	5.8	8.06	5.7
Falmouth	1.47	4.1	2.03	4.5
Glasgow	9.49	4.0	9.37	4.4
Harwich	7.53	3.4	8.32	3.5
Holyhead	7.09	4.6	7.27	4.9
Hull	2.34	5.89	3.19	6.06
Ilfracombe	2.17	8.98	2.45	7.46
King's Lynn	2.33	5.2	3.25	5.3
Leith	11.30	4.7	11.49	4.8
Liverpool	7.58	7.8	8.07	8.1
Lowestoft	5.59	2.3	6.56	2.3
Margate	8.27	4.1	9.06	4.2
Milford Haven	2.47	5.3	3.11	5.7
Newquay	1.42	5.4	2.05	5.8
Oban	3.08	3.1	3.14	3.4
Penzance	1.28	4.3	1.42	4.7
Portland	2.50	1.4	3.07	1.6
Portsmouth	7.57	4.1	8.13	4.1
Shoreham	7.47	5.1	9.06	5.3
Southampton	7.24	3.9	7.44	3.9
Swansea	2.53	7.5	3.13	8.0
Tees	-	-	12.36	4.5
Wilton-on-Nze	8.01	3.5	8.43	3.6

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Kirkwall, Orkney, 07C (45F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 3.31in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Kent, 8.4hr.

UK FORECAST

☐ **General:** most of England and Wales will be cloudy with outbreaks of light rain or drizzle mainly in the west at first. However, northeast England could be quite bright at times. Northern Ireland will be on the dull side with some rain, while Scotland should be brighter with a little sunshine, although southwestern parts are expected to be more cloudy *with the possibility of light rain.*

☐ **London, SE England, East Anglia, Central S England, East Midlands, West Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England:** cloudy with *some light rain or drizzle mainly in the* morning. Wind light and variable. Max 16C (61F).

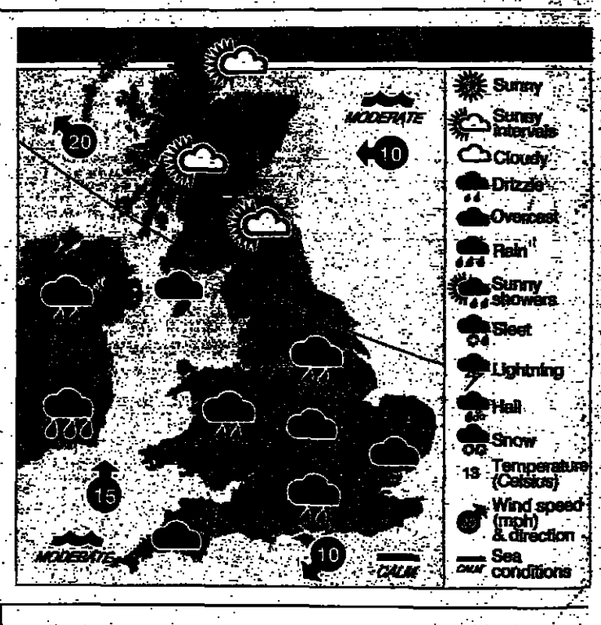
☐ **South Wales, North Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland:** dull with outbreaks of rain or drizzle. Wind southerly light. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **E England, Central N England, NE England:** rather cloudy morning. Brighter afternoon. Wind easterly light. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Southwest Scotland, Argyll:** cloudy. Rain possible in the afternoon. Wind southeast moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Northeast Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** *dry, bright and rather cold.* Wind east light to moderate. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain clearing away to the southeast, followed by bright, showery and colder weather.



24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright; ds=dust storm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.01	14	57	r
Aspatria	0.2	-	15	59	c
Aviemore	-	-	15	59	c
Belfast	0.1	0.01	15	59	c
Birmingham	-	-	15	59	c
Bognor R	-	-	14	57	du
Bournem'th	-	-	14	57	du
Bristol	-	-	15	59	du
Buxton	-	-	14	57	c
Cardiff	0.3	-	15	59	c
Clacton	-	-	15	59	c
Cleethorpes	0.2	-	16	61	c
Colwyn Bay	1.5	-	15	59	c
Cromer	-	-	15	59	c
Doncaster	0.5	-	16	61	c
Dunbar	0.3	-	15	59	c
Eastbourne	3.0	-	16	61	b
Edinburgh	0.1	-	15	59	r
Eskdalemuir	-	0.06	13	55	d
Exmouth	-	-	14	57	du
Falmouth	X	-	15	59	c
Fishguard	-	-	13	55	c
Folkestone	8.4	-	18	64	s
Guernsey	5.5	-	17	63	s
Hastings	3.8	-	17	63	s
Hayling I	-	-	14	57	c
Herne Bay	1.8	-	15	59	c
Hove	0.5	-	16	61	c
Hunstanton	0.1	-	15	59	c
Isle of Man	0.4	-	14	57	c
Jersey	3.5	-	11	52	b
Leeds	0.2	-	15	59	c
Lerwick	0.2	0.02	8	46	sh
Lisdehmptn	-	-	14	57	c
Liverpool	-	-	14	57	c
London	0.8	-	16	61	c
Lowestoft	-	-	16	61	c
Manchester	0.1	-	15	59	c
Margate	3.0	-	15	59	b
Morecambe	0.5	-	14	57	c
Newcastle	0.3	-	15	59	c
Newquay	-	-	14	57	c
Norwich	0.1	-	16	61	c
Nottingham	0.3	-	15	59	c
Oxford	-	-	15	59	c
Penzance	0.8	-	15	59	c
Plymouth	-	-	14	57	c
Poole	-	-	15	59	c
Prestatyn	X	-	15	59	c
Ross-o-wye	0.8	-	16	61	c
Ryde	-	-	14	57	du
Sidcombe	-	-	15	59	c
Sandown	-	-	14	57	c
Seaumin Bnd	0.7	-	14	57	c
Scarboro'	X	-	15	59	b
Scilly Isles	0.3	-	14	57	c
Shanklin	-	-	13	55	c
Shrewsbury	1.5	-	15	59	c
Skegness	0.3	-	16	61	c
Southend	0.5	-	17	63	c
Southport	-	-	14	57	c
Southsea	-	-	14	57	c
Swanage	-	-	15	59	c
Teignmouth	-	-	15	59	c
Tenby	-	-	15	59	c
Torquay	-	-	15	59	c
Tynemouth	2.6	-	16	61	c
Ventnor	-	-	14	57	c
Weymouth	-	-	14	57	c

These are Thursday's figures

Ajaccio	31	88	f	Cphagn	14	57	c	Madrid	18	64	f
Alicatnt	29	84	f	Corfu	29	84	s	Majorca	25	77	s
Alex'dria	28	82	f	Dublin	14	57	s	Malaga	28	68	s
Algiers	25	77	s	Dubrovnik	29	79	s	Malta	29	84	s
Amst'dm	16	61	c	Faro	32	90	s	Malt'me	12	54	s
Athens	31	88	s	Florence	25	77	f	Mexico C	19	66	s
Bahrain	33	91	s	Frankfurt	18	64	s	Miami	27	81	r
Bangkok	32	90	f	Funchal	22	72	f	Milan	21	70	f
Barbados	X			Geneva	17	63	s	Montreal	14	57	c
Barcelona	20	68	r	Gibraltar	20	68	s	Moscow	10	50	s
Beirut	29	84	f	Helsinki	10	50	f	Munich	18	64	s
Belgrade	28	79	s	Hong K	30	86	s	Nairobi	28	82	f
Berlin	16	59	c	Innsbruck	21	70	s	Naples	30	86	s
Bermuda	30	86	f	Istanbul	28	82	s	N Delhi	32	90	s
Biarritz	20	68	f	Jeddah	36	97	s	N York	17	63	c
Borde'x	20	68	c	Jo'burg	18	64	c	Nice	22	72	c
Brussels	17	63	f	Karachi	33	91	s	Oslo	7	45	f
Budapst	25	77	f	L Palmas	29	79	s	Paris	20	68	s
B Aires	13	55	c	Le Tquet	16	61	f	Peking	25	77	s
Cairo	31	88	f	Lisbon	25	77	s	Perth	17	63	f
Cape Tn	18	64	f	Locarno	19	66	c	Prague	17	63	s
Chicago	18	64	s	L Angels	24	75	c	Reykjavik	4	39	s
Ch'church	X			Luxembg	17	63	s	Rhodes	28	82	s
Cologne	18	64	s	Luxor	36	97	s	Rio de J	23	73	f
Riyadh	37	99	s								
Rome	26	79	f								
Salzburg	19	66	f								
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Tunis	31	88	f								
Valencia	23	73	f								
Vanc'ver	16	61	c								
Venice	23	73	s								
Vienna	19	66	s								
Warsaw	16	61	c								
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Zurich	15	59	c								

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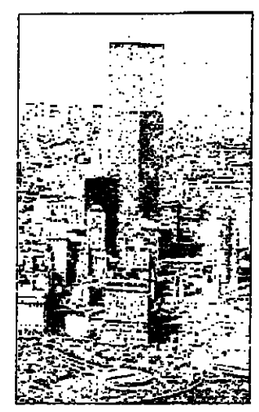


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WEEKEND

SARAH MILES: MY SECRET LIFE WITH OLIVIER



Part One of an extraordinary memoir: how Sarah Miles, 1960s sexual icon, and Laurence Olivier, master of disguise, began their secret life

I'd fallen in love with Olivier at a Brighton cinema during one rainy Sunday-afternoon outing from Roedean School. I was 11 and my parents had taken me to see *Wuthering Heights*. The moment he stood at the window, looking out across the misty moor and crying "Cathy! Cathy! Cathy!" I was a goner. Olivier — or was it Heathcliff? — had awoken some seed within me. I kept his photograph under my pillow at Roedean. He had brought my first glimmer of sexual awakening and here I was, 18 years old, about to star opposite him.

Term of Trial had a three-month schedule: ten weeks at Bray Studios outside Dublin and two weeks in Paris.

As the plane descended into Dublin, I was humming to myself. "Once I had a secret love, that lived within the heart of me." Would my love for Laurence Olivier always remain a secret? Of course it couldn't blossom unheeded. I was still with James Fox, and Laurence Olivier had a new wife [Joan Plowright] — besides he was old enough to be my grandfather . . .

Olivier, being fiftyish, was at that devilish mid-life crossroads, his career on the turn as a leading man. He had accepted to do *Term of Trial* because he had been offered nothing better, and he was nakedly aware of the possible pitfalls ahead.

We would sometimes rehearse with Peter Glenville, the director, in Olivier's dressing room. The whole process of rehearsing with Olivier thrilled me. Seeing him in the flesh was an experience that way surpassed my Heathcliff on the screen. The smile, the wanton twinkle in his eyes, the springy gait, the determination in the set of his shoulder blades, the gentle stubborness — all this reminded me so much of my father.

"Her accent's quite believable, isn't it, Larry?" asked Peter one morning.

"You'd never guess Shirley Taylor was a Roedean girl," said Olivier, slightly teasing.

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CHOICE

Planning an evening out, or a day with your family? *The Times*'s critics select the best entertainment

OPERA

Rodney Milnes

BEATRICE AND BENEDICT: Right at the beginning of the season, the Welsh National Opera has put down its marker for one of the best British productions of the coming year with an account of *Berlioz's Shakespearian comedy* that is meticulously prepared and directed (Elijah Moshinsky), exquisitely designed (Michael Yeargan and Dona Granata), and conducted by someone who understands the composer's idiom — John Nelson. With spiffing singing from Sara Fulgoni and Donald Kaasch in the title roles, this is a rare feast for ears, eyes and brain-cells and is definitely not to be missed, either here or later on the tour.
New Theatre, Park Street, Cardiff (0222 394844), tonight, 7.15pm.

LA CENERENTOLA: Just as Rossini's Cinderella triumphs over the shallowness around her, so singing and conducting sweep away reservations about a very *ordinary production. Bruno Campanella* gets stylish playing from the Royal Opera House Orchestra, and there are superb performances from Raúl Giménez as the Prince, Alastair Miles as his *philosophe* tutor, and Simone Alaimo, pungently Italianate as the evil stepfather. Olga Borodina fines her huge voice down nicely as the put-upon heroine, and Jennifer Rhys-Davies and Christine Botes as the sisters are as camp as a row of tents — not quite how Rossini wrote them, but never mind.
Royal Opera House, Bow Street, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), tonight, Tuesday 4, Thursday 6, 7.30pm.

DONALD COOPER



Jennifer Rhys-Davies, Christine Botes, Simone Alaimo and Olga Borodina in Rossini's *La Cenerentola* at the Royal Opera House

ROCK

David Sinclair

PHIL COLLINS: Although his music seems recently to have been eclipsed by revelations about his love life, the old trooper has been diligently plying his wares in Europe and the United States on a *world tour which finally reaches* Britain this week. For his last dates here in 1990, Collins appeared on a stage brightly dressed up as a carnival roundabout. This time, perhaps reflecting the darker cast of his most recent album *Both Sides*, the setting is a post-industrial junkyard. The first half of the two-hour show is dominated by material from *Both Sides*, giving the impression that Collins is striving to acquire more gravity as a performer. But it's back to his genial host-with-the-most routine for the second half which is a lively trawl through the hits and other best bits of his phenomenally successful career.
NEC, Birmingham (021-780 4133), Mon Oct 3, 4, Dec 4, 5; **Sheffield Arena** (0742 565500), Thurs Oct 6, Fri Oct 7; **G-Mex**, Manchester (061-832 9000), Nov 28, 29; **SECC**, Glasgow (041-248 3000), Dec 1, 2; **Wembley Arena** (081-900 1234), Dec 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14; all shows 7.30pm.



Cockney ravers Blur

BLUR/PULP: Blur were hot favourites to win the Mercury Music Prize and Pulp very nearly did win it (pipped at the post by the chairman's casting vote). Both bands represent a particularly English strand of "alternative" pop-rock. Blur's bumptious cockney rave-ups continue a pseudo-vaudeville tradition which stretches back to the Kinks, the Small Faces and even as far as cheeky skiffle star Lonnie Donegan. Pulp, meanwhile, draw on their Sheffield roots, combining elements of northern soul with a Morrissey-influenced romantic whimsy to produce their sleazy pop-disco vignettes. Both groups are led by energetic and charismatic singers — Pulp by the mysterious Jarvis Cocker, Blur by the garrulous Damon Albarn — and each will be doing their best to upstage the other, making this one of the liveliest double bills of the year.
Aston Villa Leisure Centre, Aston Hall Road, Birmingham (021-328 4884), Wednesday 5, 7.30pm; **Alexandra Palace**, Wood Green, London N22 (081-883 6477), Friday 7, 7.30pm.

JAZZ

Clive Davis

ERNESTINE ANDERSON: Admirers of sophisticated rhythm and blues are (no doubt) eagerly awaiting Ruth Brown's return visit to Ronnie Scott's next month. As something of a curtain-raiser, the club plays host this week to another indomitable leading lady, Ernestine Anderson, who is making a rare appearance in London. A contemporary of Browns, she paid her dues with bandleaders such as Lionel Hampton and Johnny Otis and built up a strong following in the 1960s before settling in Britain. Since returning to the United States she has found a niche at the Concord label, producing a string of albums which add a veneer of stylish jazz to her down-home vocals. The support slot this week is occupied by the British saxophonist Pat Crumly and his quartet.
Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, London W1 (071-439 0747), Mon to Sat, *support set from 9.30pm.*

WIGMORE JAZZ: Can this be true? The venerable Wigmore Hall opening its doors to jazz musicians? Four concerts are scheduled for this month, all of them featuring the keyboard pyrotechnician Julian Joseph. The season opens with the American clarinetist Eddie Daniels, best known for the anodyne but commercially successful cross-over album *Breakthrough*, made with the London Philharmonic some eight years ago. A prodigious technician, Daniels belongs among the world's finest clarinetists (he is also a robust tenor player). He gives a masterclass on improvisation this afternoon, and performs with Joseph and bass player Alec Dankworth tomorrow evening. Saxophonist Andy Sheppard and pianist Jason Rebello are due later in the month (10th and 16th, respectively), while the trumpeter Freddie Hubbard comes bustling in on the last Sunday of the month.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, London W1 (071-935 2141). Masterclass today, 3.15pm; concert tomorrow, 7pm.

CLASSICAL

Richard Morrison

NORWICH FESTIVAL: In recent years, the Norwich Festival has become one of the most enterprising in the country. This year's events (from Thursday until October 16) mark the 800th anniversary of the City Charter and the 900th of Norwich Castle, so it is appropriate that the opening concert (St Andrew's Hall, Thursday, 7.30pm) features world premieres by two local composers. E.J. Moeran's Overture to a Festival has never been performed before: this year is the composer's centenary. Then the Orchestra of St John's Smith Square will give the premiere of Norwich-born Diana Burrell's Viola Concerto. The soloist is the striking young player Jane Atkins.
Norwich Festival: Thurs to Oct 16, box office 0603 764764.

MUSEUMS

John Russell Taylor

NOT A ROYAL ANNIVERSARY: The things people keep to remind themselves of a person or an event can be touching or morbid, beautiful or grotesque, reverential or derogatory. The royal family has certainly not been exempt from these vicissitudes, whether one is thinking of relics such as Queen Victoria's bloomers or Princess Amelia's shoes, or of the endless output of mugs and glassware, printed textiles, hand-worked samplers, paper napkins, *ashtrays or biscuit tins. All of these* and many more comprise an affectionate if not wholly reverential review of royal memorabilia.
Worthing Museum and Art Gallery, Chapel Road, Worthing (0903 239999), Mon to Sat, 10am-5pm, until January 14.



Wilhelm Richard Wagner

WAGNER DAY: One glaring absence in the enormous Deutsche Romantik festival on the South Bank is any opera by a chap called Wagner — without whom the portfolio of German Romanticism would be a lot thinner. Instead, Roger Norrington is recruited to lead a Wagner day, beginning this afternoon (2pm) with recitals and talks, and ending this evening with the London Classical Players delivering works by Wagner which, according to the South Bank brochure, will be "played for the first time on instruments of his day".
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800).

WITNESSES AND DREAMERS: The painter Oliver Bevan has often painted inner-city scenes, usually transfigured by colours bright enough to stand comparison with André Derain's Fauve views of London in the 1900s. For this show, which he has curated for the Museum of London, Bevan contributes some of his own work, and summons the aid of artists such as Timothy Hyman and Kate Wilson who see inner London, if not in quite such brilliant shades, at least in a magical, sometimes menacing light. Some record what they see, others weave dreams about it, and the two approaches merge imperceptibly.
The Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (071-600 3699), Tue to Sat, 10am-6pm; Sun, noon-6pm, until December 18. Admission £3.50, concessions £1.75.

GALLERIES

Richard Cork

BARBARA HEPWORTH: Neglected since her death in 1975, Hepworth has long needed a full-scale retrospective of her work. Now the Tate Gallery, Liverpool, makes handsome amends in a carefully researched and lucidly displayed survey of her career. Often overshadowed by Henry Moore, Hepworth emerges from this show as a distinctive individual in her own right. Where Moore is tough, bulky and often disturbing, she insists on serenity and poise. Her carvings of the inter-war years are outstanding, and search for an ever more refined and simplified ideal of essential form. Nurturing and protective, Hepworth's work never lost sight of this gentle vision even when she turned *to large, more impersonal bronze* sculpture in her later years.
Tate Gallery, Albert Docks, Liverpool (051-709 3223) until December 4.

A BITTER TRUTH: For the first time, the full international range of art inspired by the First World War is assembled at the Barbican Art Gallery. As the organiser, I aimed to reveal the extraordinary power of war images by artists as outstanding as George Grosz, Max Beckmann, Oskar Kokoschka, Stanley Spencer and Otto Dix. The title of the show comes from Paul Nash, whose paintings of Passchendaele bear out his belief that the battlefield "is unspeakable, godless, hopeless". The survey charts dramatic changes in artists' response to the conflict, changing from initial excitement to an angry, despairing realisation of the tragedy. Loans from Russia and the United States are united with images from many European countries, emphasising their shared humanity rather than the national differences which led to the carnage. Rather than recoiling from the slaughter, an astonishing number of artists confronted it and created powerful, moving work.
Barbican Art Gallery, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 4141) until Dec 11.
Richard Cork will give a public tour of the exhibition at 2.30pm on Dec 15.

DANCE

John Percival

IRIE! DANCE THEATRE: This lively, London-based Caribbean dance company celebrates its tenth anniversary with two new works by its artistic director, Beverley Glean. *The Burial of Miss Lady* is about an eccentric, cantankerous old lady living in Grenada, based on a story by Merle Collins. *BMW* puts a new meaning on those hallowed initials, "black men walking," to illustrate the pride and confidence they can show today compared with the subjugated bearing of earlier generations.
Lewisham Theatre (081-690 0002), today at 8pm; then on tour, including **Canterbury Festival** (0227 452853), October 10-11; **Purcell Room**, South Bank, London (071-928 8800), October 13 and 14.

NATIONAL YOUTH DANCE COMPANY: Another group with a tenth anniversary, and to celebrate there are two programmes of new work by many choreographers. In the first, on Friday, the 1994 company gives new dances by Mark Baldwin, Matthew Bourne and Anthony van Laast, plus a revival of Shobana Jeyasingh's *Janpath* and two duets, one by Catherine Marston from the Royal Ballet School, the other by two members of the 1993 company. Next Saturday, the 1993 company presents a dance theatre revue about young people in the 1990s, *The State of Play*, with contributions from ten choreographers.
The Place Theatre, Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), Fri 7, Sat 8 at 8pm.

THEATRE

Jeremy Kingston

BEAUTIFUL THING: The dawning love between two adolescent boys on a Thamesmead housing estate is traced by Jonathan Harvey with an endearing sense of fun, yet succeeds in being both truthful and touching. A play that started life on the stage of the Bush, has *made a rare progression, by way of* the Donmar, into the West End.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane WC2 (071-836 5122), Mon to Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 6pm, 8.30pm.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR: Lillian Hellman's celebrated first play rather too carefully prepares the ground for its scene, the destructive power of gossip. Howard Davies's production adds ominous music. But the climactic scene between Harriet Walter and Clare Higgins, as the two teachers denounced as lesbians, generates a tragic awareness of decent lives destroyed by malice and cowardice.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank SE1 (071-928 2252). In repertoire: Next week Tue to Sat 7.30pm, matinée: Wed and Sat, 2.15pm.

FILMS

Geoff Brown

LADYBIRD LADYBIRD (18): Ken Loach's powerful new film, based on a true story, leapfrogs over the hard-edged comedy of his last two films and returns to the anger and agony of *Cathy Come Home*. Maggie, the Liverpudlian in London, struggles to keep her many children from the hands of social workers, who persist in viewing her as an unfit mother. An uncomfortable experience: amateur actress Crissy Rock does nothing to minimise her character's flaws, and the rage she generates is overwhelming. Loach takes care not to present the social workers as fools or devils.
Chelsea (071-351 3742) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520)



Action man Keanu Reeves

SPEED (15): Such is the life of a movie actor; one minute you're Buddha, the next you're clinging underneath a bus in Los Angeles, wired to explode if the speed drops below 50mph. Keanu Reeves tackles his first big action role with panache, while cinematographer-turned-director Jan De Bont does an excellent job staging the non-stop thrills.
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CHILDREN

BEDFORDSHIRE

Leighton Buzzard Railway Conker Championships: Anyone can enter, conkers provided.
Leighton Buzzard Railway, Page's Park Station, Billington Road, Leighton Buzzard (0525 373888). Tomorrow, 10.30am-4.30pm. Admission free, steam train rides adult £4, child £1. All ages.

HAMPSHIRE

Roma Victrix: See the Romans and the Celts demonstrate battle tactics.
Portchester Castle, Castle Street, Portchester (0705 378291). Today, tomorrow, 10am-6pm. Adult £4, child £2, under fives free.

LANCASHIRE

Bearded Tit Watch: Find the small birds concealed in the reedbeds.
RSPB Leighton Moss Nature Reserve, Silverdale, Carnforth (0524 701601). Tomorrow, 8am. Tickets £2, child £1.50.



A prize-winning pumpkin

LINCOLNSHIRE

(Garden News) Giant Vegetable, Fruit and Flower Championships: Pumpkins weighing as much as four men, tomatoes the size of watermelons and runner beans as long as your arm.
Baytree Nurseries Garden Centre, High Road, Weston, Spalding (0406 370242). Today, 10am-6pm, tomorrow, 10am-5pm. Free.

LONDON

99 by 99 Fund Day: Celebrity story-telling with Andrew Sachs, puppet theatre, newspaper workshop at the zoo.
London Zoo, Regents Park NW1 (071-722 3333). Today 10am-5.30pm. Admission: adult £6.95, child £4.95.

The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse: Vicky Ireland's story of a country mouse and his city cousin, and their adventures in London.
Polka Theatre for Children, 240 The Broadway, Wimbledon SW19 (081-543 4888). Opens Tuesday Oct 4, until November 12. Tickets from £4.

NORFOLK

Felbrigg Hall: See the display of stuffed birds. Enjoy live music and tea today (£2.50) and discover how to make walking sticks tomorrow (free).
Felbrigg Hall, Roughton, Norwich (0263 837444). Today, tomorrow, noon-5pm. Adult £4.60, child £2.20.

SCOTLAND

Rosie and Jim's Big Theatre Adventure: An introduction to theatre-going for children.
Kings Theatre, Leven Street, Edinburgh (031-220 4349). Tues to Sat. Age 3-8 years.

SUFFOLK

World Wildlife Fund Sponsored Walk: An eight-to-ten mile walk across nature reserves.
Dunwich Heath, Dunwich, Saxmundham (0728 648505). Tomorrow, 9am-noon. All ages. Donations.

SUSSEX

Archery and Falconry: Watch the medieval bowmen and the flying displays by birds of prey.
Battle Avey, Battle (0424 773792). Adult £3, child £1.50. Today, tomorrow, 10am-6pm, displays 2pm-4pm.

WALES

Fungi Forage: Join the warden looking for mushrooms and toadstools in the park.
Afan Forest Park, Cynonville, Port Talbot, West Glamorgan (0639 850564). Tomorrow, 2.30pm. Free.

YORKSHIRE

Pastimes of Past Times: Traditional craft demonstrations and exhibitions around the house.
Treasurer's House, Minster Yard, York (0904 624247). Today, tomorrow, 10.30am-5pm. Adult £3, child £1.50.

HEATHER ALSTON

Ruth Gledhill checks in at St George's chapel, Heathrow Airport

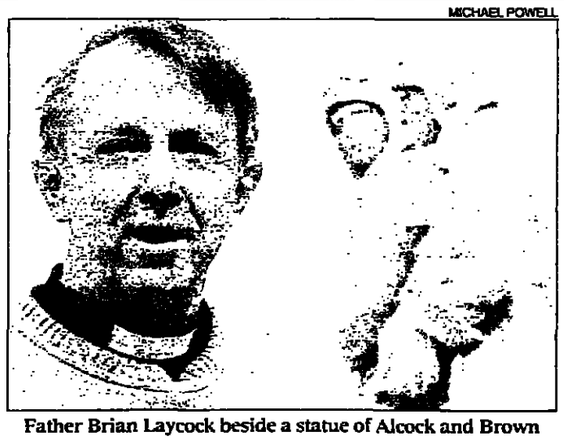
AT YOUR SERVICE



WHILE flights left for Moscow, Nuremberg, Valencia and Paris, we assembled in a small chapel to pray for those arriving, leaving and working at Heathrow Airport. St George's, an underground church reached by descending a spiral staircase from a tiny garden which is an oasis of peace in between Car Park Two and the Control Tower, is easily missed. I had driven past it and flown over it dozens of time in sad ignorance of its existence, the still, dark wooden cross marking the site barely registering even in my subconscious amid the noise and movement of ground and airborne traffic.

In the manner of an international hotel, a Yucca plant graces the lobby, where a notice says St George's was built "for all churches to share". The chapel is "open to all as a place of rest, quiet and prayer", and all are welcome at each other's services. Plaques on the wall, like coats of arms, herald the achievements of Aeroflot, Pan Am, Czechoslovak Airlines and others. I descended the staircase, to be greeted by a small stand of books with works such as Bernard of Clairvaux's *The Twelve Steps of Humility and Pride*. Minutes before the Roman Catholic mass began, Fr Laycock was still preparing his sermon, too busy to do it earlier.

MICHAEL POWELL



Father Brian Laycock beside a statue of Alcock and Brown

Inside the curved, grey, spotlit interior, apparently designed along aeronautical lines with the altar and sanctuary in the cockpit, the "emergency exit" door stood out, and out of habit I sat near it. Our theme was love. "Let us pray that we will grow in the love of God and one another," said Fr Laycock. Ambition led to disharmony and wickedness, we heard in our New Testament reading from James, whereas "the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure". The reading warned us that when we do not have what we want, it is "because you do not pray for it. When you do pray and do not get it, it is because you have not prayed properly". Chilling stuff, for travellers such as myself who pray desperately every time an aircraft I am on takes off or lands.

Fr Laycock preached on Christ's commandments to love God and our neighbours. "Love is not easy because it is always about giving, either time or possessions," he said. The congregation of about 40 included airport workers, a former pilot, residents from nearby Hounslow and travellers passing through, such as Dr Terry McLoughlin, a lecturer in the philosophy of education at Cambridge, on his way to Helsinki. Outside was a group of young men, which included Shaun Loader, who works in computers, and Michael Jackson, a research scientist. I had heard them earlier, reading from the Old and New Testaments during the service. They were from the Confraternity of St Benedict, a lay community based at the chaplaincy, whose members offer spiritual succour to stranded travellers. Cars sped by, brakes squealed and behind us more planes took off, but these men seemed content to remain at home and fulfil their duties for the coming day.

Roman Catholic mass 11am. Other service times and denominations contact the number below.

Heathrow Airport chaplaincy, St George's chapel, Heathrow Airport, Hounslow, Middlesex, TW6 1JH (081-745 4261)

CHAPLAIN: Fr Brian Laycock

ARCHITECTURE: Built in 1968. Curved concrete, bunker-style interior, giving an oddly cosy feel. ★★★

SERMON: Fr Laycock warned us that "something far worse than physical starvation is spiritual starvation. If you starve physically you lose your life. If you starve spiritually you are in grave danger *of losing eternal life.*" ★★★

MUSIC: The choir and music group being away, we sang unaccompanied, lone verses from the Catholic *Celebration Hymnal*. ★★

LITURGY: Modern Roman Catholic mass. ★★★★

SPIRITUAL HIGH: Proof that rest, peace and enjoyment are attainable without escape to foreign climes. ★★★★

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: Coffee, tea, biscuits and a chance to swap travel stories in the vestry. ★★★★

★ *stars are awarded to a maximum of five.*

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He often sent me up, as if he felt threatened by behaving normally towards me, and needed to keep his distance. He called me "Dame Sarah".

One night over dinner Olivier was especially friendly. He flirted quite outrageously, and insisted I acquire a taste for wine, first savouring it before swallowing.

"I just don't like the taste. Sorry, Sir."

He ordered me a crème de menthe frappée. "You won't be able to taste the alcohol with this." I couldn't.

"It's known as the tart's drink."

"Why's that, Sir?" I asked.

"It's cheap and takes a long time to suck up."

"I wouldn't mind being a tart." I was naive enough to think that might shock him, but he came back, quick as a flash.

"I wouldn't, either."

I wasn't sure how to take that. Was he wanting to be a tart or to have an easy lay? Hmph! Just let him try, I thought. I wasn't yet sure of his game.

"Why don't you call me Larry?" he said. "You can't go on calling me sir for ever."

"Sir has a romantic ring to it."

"And Larry doesn't."

I shrugged. For some reason I wasn't madly keen on the name Larry.

"Then call me sir, and Lionel when we're alone." He accompanied this line with such a queenly gesture that I wasn't at all sure what gender Lionel would turn out to be, on top of which I wasn't madly keen on the name Lionel either.

"Who's Lionel?"

"Lionel Kerr, Richard the Lionheart, and Kerr is my second name."

We raised our glasses. "To Lionel."

I noticed a certain sadness as I sloshed and sucked up the remains of my drink.

"Hardly ladylike," he said scornfully.

"I'm no lady," I replied, for it was true.

"No . . ." he said thoughtfully, "but you have potential."

Sometimes he'd come into my dressing room, nervously looking up and down the corridors in case someone was checking up on him. I didn't understand that it was much better for him if I was caught in his dressing room — that way he could say I had instigated the whole thing.

Next evening there I was on his sofa. He put his hand on my knee. "Tell me about yourself."

"My life's hardly begun, so there's nothing interesting to say."

"Do you have a boyfriend?"

"Yes."

"Is it serious?" He peered at me hard over his specs.

"If by serious you mean do we love each other, the answer is, yes."

Lionel went on questioning me: about my family, my schools, how I lost my virginity. He was certainly canny at bringing out stuff that I'd never spoken of with anyone, even wheedling out of me most of my affair with Sylvia, the prostitute I lived with.

"Would you say you were bisexual?"

In those days I wasn't sure what that meant, so I plumped for a "Yes", and hoped for the best. It certainly made him stare at me. His hazel, sometimes greeny-grey eyes were suddenly grateful, or was it relief? Whichever it was made him much more relaxed.

"Do you prefer a man or woman for a lover?"

This was tricky, because I'd only had a couple of men and one woman. "I don't know."

"Come on, don't go all coy on me."

"I like men, though occasionally I like to touch a female breast, if I were totally honest."

He looked down at his chest, then shrugged rather sadly. That night it seemed my confessions bonded us closer. It was only with hindsight that I knew why: he also loved both men and women.

Our first piece of filming in Paris was a love scene in the Tuileries gardens. It was meant to be spring, but snow was falling, pretty heavily.

"Cut! We'll have to call it a day, I'm afraid," said Peter reluctantly. "I'm sorry, everyone. It's a wrap!"

That meant a whole afternoon off. "What shall we do, play hooky?" Lionel was behind me in a flash. I turned. Flecks of snow hung off the end of his girlish lashes.

"Come on, let's go." It wasn't a question, it was a statement. Outside he gave our drivers the afternoon off and hailed a taxi. "Have you ever been to the Left Bank?" *I told him I hadn't.* This pleased him. "In that case I think we'll go there and have coffee."

He chose a coffee shop which also sold bread and patisseries. I don't think I can recall a happier moment than smelling those sweet smells, feeling those sweet feelings, and thinking of still sweeter things perhaps to come.

He leaned across the table. "You live in your own private world, so no one knows who you really are. Do they?"

"I've never thought about it before."

"Well, think about it now, because from now on you and I are a secret. Our affair is our affair."

"But we aren't having an affair," I said, challenging him from the rim of my coffee cup.

"Come on. I'll take you back to the hotel. You need a hot bath, and then — to the Ritz."

My bath is where I do all my cogitating, and that evening I had quite a bit of cogitating to do. Was it my imagination, or were we about to embark on a secret affair? He'd kind of indicated that he wanted me to follow him into his suite, but I'd continued down the corridor. The truth was that I found myself more nervous than I'd ever imagined I could be.

The Ritz turned out much brighter than I remembered it. Perhaps that was because I was in love.

"Good evening. Could we have one Scotch whisky, and a crème de menthe frappée."

"I'll have a Bloody Mary, please."

"And a Bloody Mary for my daughter." We were at the bar but fortunately the barman hadn't recognised Olivier — no one did, I noticed.

"James Mason is playing Humbert Humbert in the film of *Lolita*," he said with heavy disappointment. Perhaps all his flirting with me was homework for a part he never got.

"Did you want it?"

"I suppose so, but I'd sooner live it." He gave me a sleepy look. "I never ever dreamt I'd be tempted by anyone so young."

"That's because within this shell there's a very old soul trying to get out."

He laughed, stroking my wrist. "Within that shell is my oyster nestling against you, my pearl." He was such a devil. He knew how to deliver even the corniest line and make it sound perfect. "Have you ever eaten oysters?"

"No, never."

"Then, that's what we'll do. We'll go to a little place I know where they have the best oysters you're ever likely to eat."

I was far from keen to eat oysters, but he taught me how to scoop them out then swallow them whole. The ritual seemed a terrible waste; fancy allowing money to slip down *in a few repellent swallows.*

"Come. I'll take you to Montmartre and the Salon de Madame Arthure."

It was thrilling watching the women undress. I'd been to a few strip joints in Soho, but I'd seen nothing like these dishy dames. "Does this excite you?" he whispered, offering me another Bloody Mary.

Why not tell him the truth? No harm in that, surely?

"Yes . . . very much." But not so much as his hand lying gently in my lap. I struggled to remain aloof.

"Look at this one coming on now — isn't she a peach?"

"Peach" hardly did her justice. Her long silky hair framed an equally long, haughty body undulating with feline flexibility. The whole experience was getting me devastatingly randy.

"She's perfect!" Just as I spoke, she turned to me and winked. Lionel laughed, pinching me just above my knee. "What's so funny? I'm not used to women with no clothes on winking at me." Most confusing, finding myself enthralled and shocked at the same time.

"Imagine waking up to that creature lying in bed beside you. Especially once you found out she was a fellah," he said, again nipping my thigh.

"What?"

"These aren't women. They're all men."

I was silent in the taxi back to the hotel, feeling not at my best. In the lift, he said, "Care to come in for a nightcap?"

I'd yearned for this moment — yet I froze. "I want to go to my own bed tonight, I feel a little strange."

"Please come in, for a while at least."

"I think it must be the oysters — I'd rather be sick in my own room if you don't mind."

"So be it." He took my key, opened my door and led me in, so carefully. "We must grab this time while we can, for life's gone before you can blink an eye." He put on one small light by the window. As he turned towards me, it gave him a soft, becoming glow.

"Are you sure you wouldn't like a drink?" I do believe Heathcliff was nervous.

"No, thank you." We both stood there suspended within our separately woven dreams — mine, at any minute, about to crescendo into reality. He cleared his throat and loosened his Garrick Club tie. I'm very fond of those Garrick stripes; they particularly suited him. "Will you lie with me?" he said, giving an erotic edge to that old-fashioned expression.

I was still feeling sick — was it oysters or guilt? "I have a boyfriend at home and I love him."

"I have a wife at home and I love her." Unbearable silence. He had to come to me: it wasn't correct that I should be the one to close the gap that lay between us. I willed him to come to me.

Lo and behold, the power of the will! He came over slowly and stood right before me, very still. Through his slightly opened shirt I could see a few hairs escaping from that brave chest of his. Idiotic that a couple of stray hairs should thrill me to the very marrow: after all, I was no schoolgirl, and they were grey ones.

'My lovemaking's far from the cat's whiskers, I'm afraid," he admitted ruefully, if like a cat whose whiskers showed every sign of stealing the cream. "Look who's judging." He was only my fourth lover, so what did I know? My hand automatically slid up to those straying chest hairs, but he misread my gesture and thought I intended to undo his remaining shirt buttons. Not wanting misunderstandings to ruin the moment, I began to unbutton, very slowly, mirroring the rate at which he was undressing me.

As he finally removed my last stocking and stood there perusing his handiwork, I could have sworn my very being burst out of the top of my head. Hells bells! I couldn't stand up. "I feel dizzy. I'll have to stop. I'm sorry."

He held my head in his hands, gently whispering. "But we haven't yet begun".

I had to get away! My aching for him was so powerful I thought I was going to faint. In a desperate effort to regain composure, I went and sat huddled up on the floor, against the wall.

"Do you want me to leave now, my pet?"

"I'm not a pet!" I barked. "Never call me 'pet' again!" Hearing my sudden temper, I burst into tears.

"I've been selfish, I'm sorry." Pulling me up, he yet kept separate, as if sensitive to my need for space. His fingertip slowly traced the shape of my breasts, without touching.

"Ah!" he quietly exclaimed. "So sweet." It was extraordinary, for his fingers had fire at their tips, heightening my readiness. He laid us down on the bed. Through all the years I knew him, even at the end when he was so unbearably frail with his fingertips seeping watery poison, the fire still remained. It will be his fingertips that I shall remember most, the way his heat flowed through them, scorching me without even touching.

I haven't a clue how long we lay there, silent but for the steady heavings of anticipation.

Those slow, accurate, gentle, almost effeminate caresses of his began transforming the child into something else, forbidding me to remain either ladylike or childlike. He sensed the whore in me rising and slowly committed to the task of feeding the bonfire. Neither of us had anything to hide or prove any more, we had come home.

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Sir Ralph Richardson poses for the cameras during a rare stationary moment astride his pride and joy

'How I gained an insight into Ralph Richardson's character'

Ralphie was Olivier's big rival

IT WAS teatime when the doorbell rang in the Clare Court flat. Opening the door I was astonished to find Ralph Richardson standing there. I didn't know him, but felt I did because Olivier often spoke of him. "Addo, get off!" Addo, my Pyrenean mountain dog, was obviously so bowled over by this charming stranger that he very nearly bowled him over. "There must be a smell on your jacket because he doesn't do that very often, I promise you."

"I think I'm flattered, but I'm not entirely sure . . ."

Olivier had a lot of time for Ralphie: I had the impression he respected him more than any other actor — apart from Wilfred Lawson, maybe. Ralphie was his greatest friend as well as his most dangerous rival. I think what bugged him was Ralphie's innocence. Some have it, others acquire it, but you can't act it.

Watching Ralphie nodding in my doorway, it was easy to see what Lionel was on about. But what was he doing on my doorstep? Of course. Binkie had sent him!

I was at loggerheads with Binkie Beaumont, the impresario with whom I had a three-year contract. I wanted to go to Ireland to make a lovely Irish film, written by Edna O'Brien. Binkie, however, had different ideas. Both he and Robin Fox were recommending that I accept *The Rivals* at the Haymarket with Ralph Richardson.

"Well, aren't you going to ask the old fellah in?"

I was embarrassed because the place was a pigsty/dog kennel.

"I hoped I might catch you unawares — it's so much more fun, eh?" Twinkling, he walked slowly round the sitting room.

"Well, aren't you going to ask if the fellah wants a cup of tea, Cocky?" I could feel him nodding over my shoulder while I was making it.

"Come clean with me, Sir Ralph. Binkie has sent you to woo me."

"Binkie yes, but Larry, too." He watched me closely.

"Larry? Which Larry?" I took a sip of Earl Grey.

"Which Larry? Come, come."

Had Lionel shared our sacred secret? No, he wouldn't be so stupid . . . would he?

"We actors consider it an honour to perform at the Haymarket. It's the most beautiful theatre in the West End." I knew what he said was true, but. "I'm not ready to play at the Haymarket," I said.

He looked at his watch. "Good God! Have I left Isabella outside for all this time?" He stood up. "Poor Isabella — how rude of me, she'll be so lonely." He made for the door.

"Is she your wife?"

"Good God, how I wish she were!"

He advanced towards me with such a foxy look, that I thought he was about to proposition me. "How would you like to meet Isabella?" he whispered. "See if you can persuade her to come in. Put on yer jacket, there's a nip in the air." He took me out and proudly, nodding all the while, of course, introduced us. "Isabella, meet Sarah — Sarah, this is Isabella!"

There, dazzling in the early-evening sunshine, was the most space-age silver and black monster I'd ever clapped eyes on. There were motorbikes and motorbikes but Isabella was the mother of them all. Ralphie stood there, watching me. Slowly he advanced, whispering seductively, "Would you care to go for a wee spin?" His eyes gleamed with daring. I wasn't too keen to go because I felt that incessant nod might get dodgy on the crowded rush-hour streets. Was he up to it, I wondered.

He dug me in the ribs. "Come on, don't be a coward, Cocky!" That clinched it. Off we sped. Holy Moses! Was I terrified!

As we sped down St Martin's Lane something occurred to me, but I forgot what it was because Ralphie went through the traffic lights as they turned red. I closed my eyes and said a quick prayer. When I opened them again we were swirling round Trafalgar Square. Suddenly the thought I'd had returned. I kept my eyes on Ralphie to make sure I wasn't dreaming: he wasn't nodding and hadn't nodded once throughout the journey.

I'D NEVER been so relieved to see Clare Court's ugliness as I was that day. Dismounting, I noticed the almost immediate return of the nod.

"You certainly know how to ride Isabella." He revved her a couple of times, chuffed at the compliment.

"Just one little question, Sir Ralph. You didn't nod once during the whole trip. How come?"

He leaned forward and whispered, "When I'm on Isabella, I can't afford to nod." He winked, and off he went, a silver and black cloud of smoke.

I concluded later after I had got to know Sir Ralph, that he had cultivated eccentricity to avoid the slings and arrows of show biz. I noticed he never nodded when talking to Jose, his parrot, or Blossom, his hamster. Ralphie used his eccentricity more as his need for a private world grew.

The true answer to my question should have been, "When I'm on Isabella there is *no need* to nod."

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Part two of Sarah Miles's candid autobiography: a proposal of marriage — but not from Olivier

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Sarah Miles at 18, on the cover of *Town* magazine in 1961, the year she met Olivier

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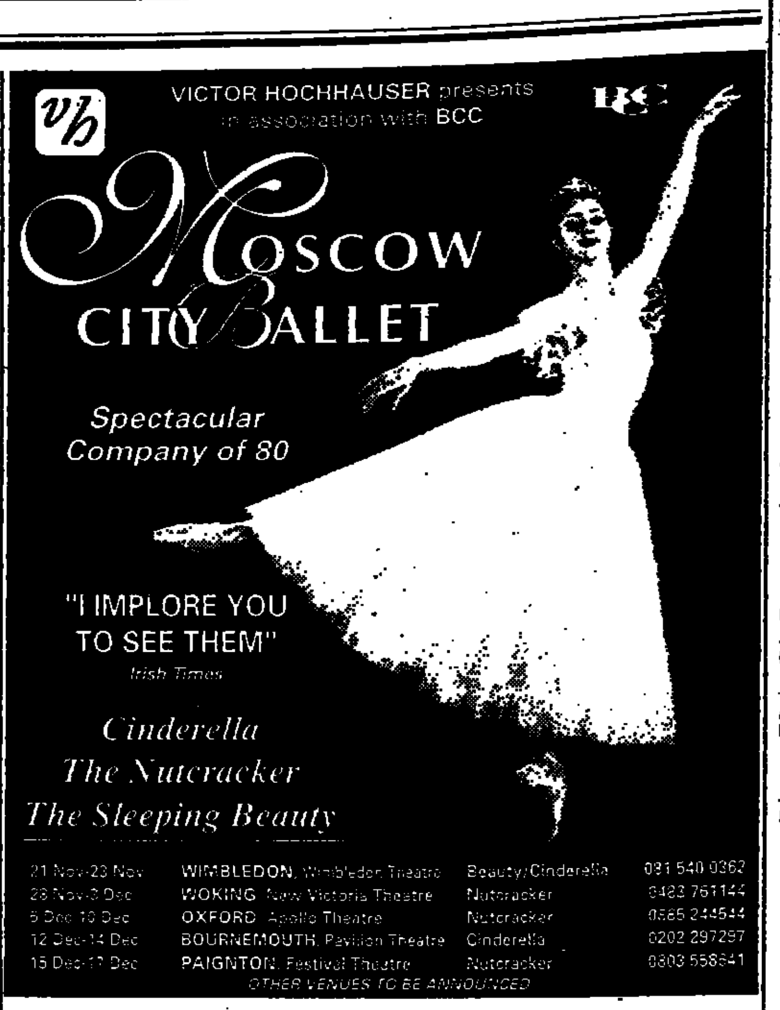
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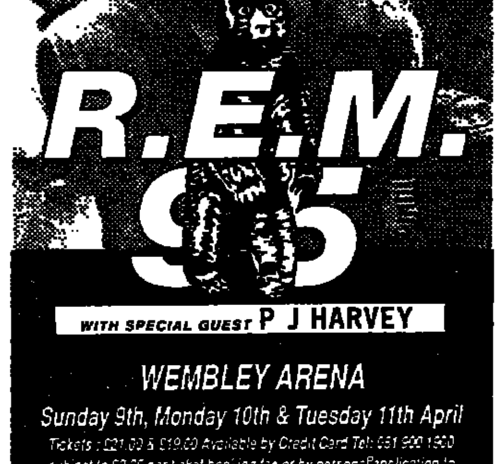
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WEEK IN THE ARTS



RICHARD MORRISON

Earlier this week I rambled through the fields of Berkshire. Oh yes, I get my share of glamour. The trees were gloriously autumnal, the tranquillity serene. An oak-beamed pub, straight out of *Merrie England*, beckoned in the next hamlet.

The hamlet came into view. The pub did not. What loomed before my astonished gaze was a mess of trailors, Porsches, catering vans, cables, cameras and lights. And people, dozens of them, standing around chatting. Yes, I had stumbled upon a film crew on location.

Perhaps I had arrived at the wrong moment. The lighting men, the PAs, the deputy chief grips — all had doubtless been engaged in frantic activity only minutes earlier. Perhaps those tables laden with exotic grub were fitting reward for a morning of Herculean labour.

Or perhaps not. By and large, the film world is lavishly staffed and notoriously unwilling to challenge the various union rulebooks to which it bends the knee. It is easier for producers to pay for that "essential" fifth wigmaker than to take on the whole corrupt system and risk being blacked, especially when they are playing for enormous box-office jackpots.

The problem is that the theatre world does not lag far behind in the Preposterous Working Practices stakes. What you see on Broadway and West End stages is governed as much by Neanderthal union agreements as by artistic or commercial factors. But theatre is far less able to pay the price.

Now, however, comes a strange turn of events. Last year the Walt Disney Corporation brought a stage version of its film, *Beauty and the Beast*, to Broadway. The musical was such a hit that Disney now plans to buy the decrepit New Amsterdam Theater and run shows in it permanently from 1996. But Disney sees no reason why it should join the League of American Theaters and Producers — the organisation that negotiates with the theatre unions. After all, Disney is a giant company, quite capable of making its own deals.

Far from dismaying the other producers, this independent stance has given them hope. They believe that archaic working practices could finally be busted by Disney's arrival. Broadway would be transformed in much the same way that the British newspaper industry was in the late 1980s.

Could it happen in the West End too? British producers know that they must find ways of encouraging new drama and younger audiences. So far, however, the moves have been modest. The West End Producers Alliance has been launched to utilise "dark" theatres at low rents. And this week the Society of London Theatre announced a plan to attract the under-25s with "West End Proms": a month each year in which 150,000 discounted tickets will be made available.

All very useful. But there is something that would make a far bigger impact. Unfortunately, producers would need to engage in a right old ding-dong with the unions to bring it about. It is Sunday opening.

On Broadway, where Sunday matinees are long established, they attract bigger audiences that any evening show except Fridays. Many British museums do better business on Sundays than on all the other days together. Sunday concerts are well attended. And now there is the rich social tapestry of Tesco to enjoy on Sundays too. Whereas nobody does *anything* on Monday nights except recover from Monday mornings.

So the producers desperately want to cancel Mondays — theatrically speaking, that is — and substitute Sundays as a regular working day. The unions, however, are immobile. The row has been raging for years. Meanwhile, millions of pounds of potential revenue is gurgling down the plughole. If the British theatre cannot manage this comparatively simple adjustment to modern life, it will soon gurgle the same way.

Of course, preposterous showbiz practices are not confined to union circles. Indeed, the big stars often insist on huge numbers of acolytes. That symbolises their godlike status, you see. I recall watching a famous conductor rehearsing. He suddenly turned round and peered into the auditorium. "Charles, where are my glasses?" he demanded. The orchestra giggled as a top music agent leapt up like a prep-school milk monitor and rushed backstage with a wild cry of "Nicky! Where are Maestro's glasses?"

The hapless Nicky then sent an even more minor minion to locate Maestro's briefcase and extract the damn specs. The briefcase, it transpired, was inches from Maestro's podium. But Maestro, of course, knew that all the time.

I once reported on an East European concert by a popular British chanteuse who shall remain nameless. (That way, *The Times*'s lawyers sleep easy at nights.) She swept into her hotel with a large retinue. I thought they were fans or friends. Not at all. As they milled around, I approached them. "Hi, I'm Miss X's hairdresser," said one. "I'm her electrician," said another. "I'm her wardrobe," said a third — too petite for such a vast role, I thought.

And so it went on. I worked my way past her chauffeur, vocal coach, cook, doctor, her "Man Friday" (?) and bodyguards. Eventually I came to a commanding woman with a huge clipboard. "Don't tell me," I ventured. "You are Miss X's greengrocer." "No," she replied without a trace of sarcasm. "I'm her brain."

All this so that somebody could warble through "Send in the Clowns". But that's showbiz.

DONALD COOPER



Neal Foster as Horatio and Russell Boulter as Hamlet at the Old Rep Theatre in Birmingham

Danes all at sea

Jeremy Kingston finds few insights in the Dreyfuss staging of *Hamlet*

Although promoted as Richard Dreyfuss's *Hamlet*, it is Russell Boulter who plays the prince. Dreyfuss directs and this production at the Old Rep Theatre in Birmingham is the Hollywood star's directorial debut. Nothing like starting at the top, or near the top, perhaps, because *Hamlet* is not the most complicated play to put through its paces if the chosen pace is leaden, or the chosen cast — Boulter and Daniele Lydon (Ophelia) apart — are allowed to play it that way.

Dreyfuss comes up with a few novel ideas, some of which have merit. He opens the play with a dumb-show, where a king and queen, in ruddy, homespun costumes more suggestive of *Macbeth*, rise lustily halfway up a flight of stairs. Below them the wassailing courtiers turn away their heads, and on the wooden gallery above a black-clad youth averts his gaze.

The gallery converts easily into the battlements of Elsinore and later becomes a pier from which Laertes embarks for France. Later still it serves as the roof of a tomb into which Ophelia's bier is dropped. Has Sir Barry Jackson's famous old theatre — the earliest repertory in England — no trapdoors in suitable spots on the stage for a grave to be opened? Seemingly not, for the Gravedigger, a woefully abridged role, gropes in among a curtain of cobwebs to pick out the necessary skull.

The costumes, designed by Alice Purcell, are a happy choice. They smack of the early medieval period when the play's events ostensibly occur, and if the embroiderers of the Bayeux Tapestry had stitched a court scene, the courtiers would have worn such rough capes and straps around their ankles. Ophelia is denied her scene with the rue and rosemary, possibly because all the herbs in Denmark have gone into dyeing the cloth.

The *Macbeth* connection pops up again when three Players squirm and screech like witches inside a magic circle. Hamlet has the makings of a drama critic but has much to learn if he can be impressed by such self-indulgent shamans.

George Irving plays Claudius in a monotone, his arms hanging loosely by his sides. When alone for the first time he bursts out with an impassioned and credible "O, my offense is rank," but the enthusiasm then fades. Celia Montague's Gertrude is a mere lady of the manor, concerned to see herself in graceful attitudes. Laertes barks. Horatio murmurs; the Ghost mimes to the voice of Steven Berkoff, sounding like Vincent Price on the rack.

Boulter's plain man's prince allows himself no likely motive for delay in killing his uncle. He is depressed, and shows this well enough in his first soliloquy, hunched on the edge of a table. After the Ghost departs he exclaims "Wonderful!" when Horatio asks him how he is, and as we have just seen him rolling about on the ground the reply is one of the evening's few moments of comedy. Unnatural pauses interrupt "To be or not to be," and long before the inept duel the character has forfeited our interest.

Dreyfuss introduces genuinely loving embraces for Hamlet and Ophelia, spunkily played by Lydon, grabbing his arms and burying her face in his neck. But this production is a long business offering few rewards.

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

PAUL LEWIS

Pianist



Age: 22

Most recent performance: The final of the National Power World Piano Competition at the Festival Hall on Tuesday, where he came second to the 19-year-old Uzbek, Evgene Mursky. Many in the audience thought Lewis should have won. (Biased? Of course not!) In the summer he won the Tunbridge Wells Piano Competition, and last year the Dudley. He studies at the Guildhall School of Music, and will give a Barbican concert on October 14.

Terribly disappointing to be only second? "Not at all. Evgene played very well. The touring engagements the organisers have fixed up are shared out between the first three, and people said to me afterwards that it is better to be second because you have all the benefits with none of the pressures."

But the prize money is not shared. "No. Evgene gets £10,000. I get £8,000, and I'm looking for a baby grand that will fit in my Balham flat."

No piano? So practising has been a problem. "At competition time I have to stay at my girlfriend's house, where there is a piano, and get on a timetable for practice because Penny's a pianist too. But she's completely supportive; she lets me have first go."

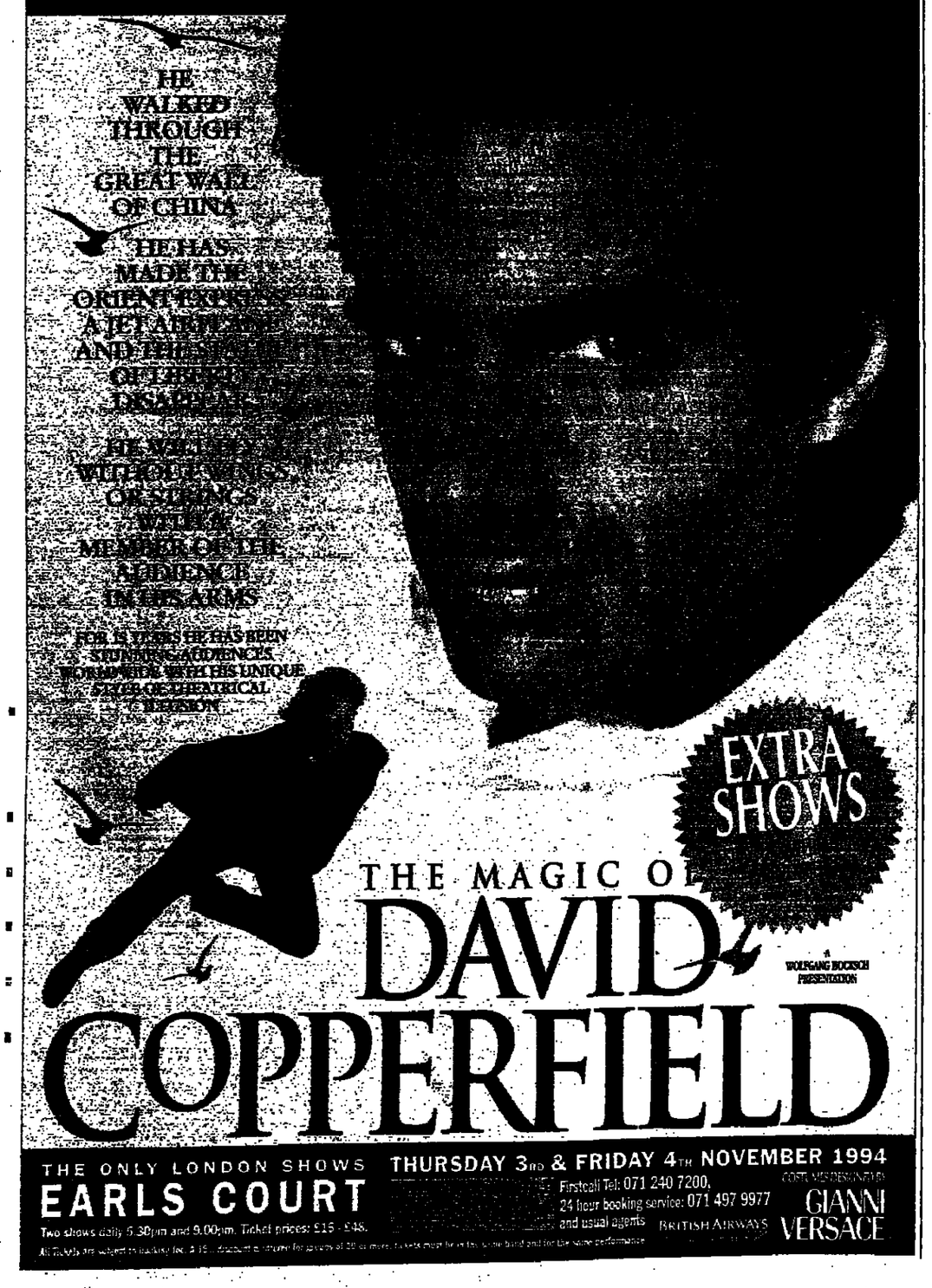
Musical background? "Not at all. Dad was made redundant from Liverpool docks and now teaches special-needs children. Mum works in the housing-benefits office of Knowsley Council. It all started when my auntie gave me one of the those 15-note organ keyboards for Christmas when I was about six. My parents like to come to my concerts, but on the whole they're Beatles fans."

What next? "I've got one more year at Guildhall, maybe two, and I just want to use my time there to get as much as I can into my repertoire."

SIMON TAIT

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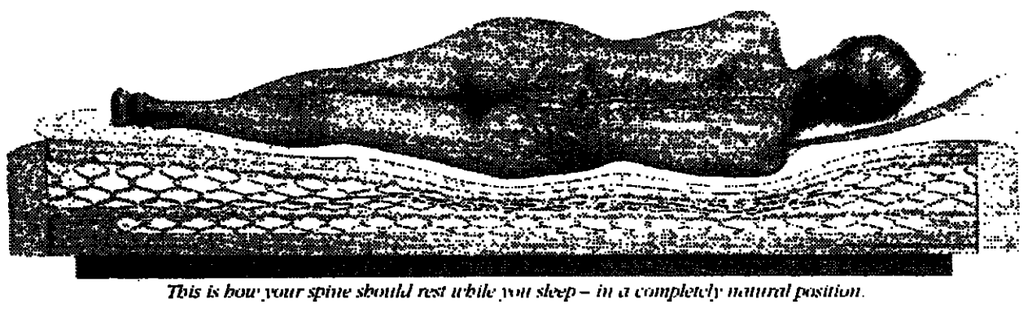


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WEST END ENTERTAINMENT

BABIES Jonathan Harvey's clever if chaotic comedy set at a schoolgirl's birthday party, where sexual longings get out of hand
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071 730 1745). Mon-Sat. 7.30pm. mat Sat, 3.30pm.

BROKEN GLASS Strong performances from Margot Leicester and Henry Goodman in Arthur Miller's latest. An American Jewish couple in the 1930s, wanting to ignore the Nazi menace
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2.15 and 7.30pm. Mon, 7.30pm

THE DAY THE BRONX DIED *Michael Henry Brown's tough but old-fashioned "message" play about urban violence, mainly set in 1968 before the death of Martin Luther King*
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Rd, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm:, mats Wed, 2pm and Sat 4pm.

DESIGN FOR LIVING Clive Owen, Paul Rhys and Rachel Weisz in Coward's defence of the *menage a trois* The evening is a lot of fun though Sean Mathias trumpets the bisexuality where Coward only hinted
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-369 1732) Mon-Sat, 8pm. mats Thurs and Sat. 3pm

ION Nicholas Wright directs a rare staging of Euripedes's tragi-comedy, neatly described a "drama of epic characters with domestic problems" Jude Law plays the boy dismayed to learn that Apollo raped his mother.
Pit, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 8891) Now previewing, 7.15pm plus 2pm today, opens Oct 4

THE MORTAL ASH Richard Cameron's shrewd portrait of a Yorkshire family, victims of a hate campaign Perceptive and warm, well worth seeing
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388) Mon-Sat. 8pm.

NEVILLE'S ISLAND Tony Slattery heads a strong cast playing a quartet of businessmen disastrously lost in the fog during a team-building exercise in Lakeland. Jeremy Sams directs Tim Firth's shrewd play
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070) Previewing today. 5pm and 8.30pm Opens Mon

900 ONEONTA David Beard's Gothic shock-horror satire of a rotten Southern family steeped in sex and incompetence Totally over the top but weirdly exhilarating
Ambassadors, West St, WC2 (071-836 6111) Mon-Fri. 7.30pm: Sat. 8pm: mats Thurs 3pm and Sat 4pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
▣ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **THE OFFICIAL TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS:** "Jake" and "Elwood" give two hours of soul, blues and rhythm 'n' blues. Lights, noise, good voices, exhilarating stuff
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-369 1731) Mon-Thurs, 8pm: Fri and Sat, 6pm and 9pm Until Oct 29.

▣ **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND** Splendidly executed production of the hit Broadway musical, transferred from Birmingham Rep. Showbiz and Caribbean folk-tale proves to be a successful marriage; terrific island sets
Island (formerly the Royalty), Portugal St, off Kingsway, WC2 (071-494 5090) Mon-Fri 8pm. Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm; mat Wed, 3pm.

▣ **THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY** Complex staging of Wilde's famous tale, set partly in the Twenties among members of Wilde's circle. Perhaps too clever to be successful but striking performances by Maria Aitken, Benedict Bates, Bette Bourne and Tim Piggot-Smith
Lyric, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until Oct 15

■ **THE PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD** Thrilling performance by Aisling O'Sullivan in Lynne Parker's strong, tough and vivid production of Synge's comic masterpiece
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm: mat Sat, 4pm. Until Oct 15

▣ **POOR SUPER MAN - A PLAY WITH CAPTIONS:** Brad Fraser's latest look at love, sex, death and confusion in the lives of youngish Canadians. Gripping performances, some bold sexual behaviour
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm: mats Sat 4pm.

□ **THE SEAGULL** Judi Dench heads a splendid cast in Pam Gems's new version. Performances cast new light on several other characters.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Today, 2pm and 7.15pm

▣ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG** Limited run here for the Greenwich Theatre production of Wendy Wasserstein's too cosy tears 'n' laughter drama. Three sisters (Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Linda Bellingham) seek happiness.
Old Vic, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm. Sat, 8pm. mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

▣ **THE SLAB BOYS TRILOGY** Opening day for a revival of the plays of John (*Tutte Frutti*) Byrne, first seen in 1982. The lives of three hopefuls from youth to middle age, struggling to avoid a lifetime of toil in a Paisley carpet factory
Young Vic, *The Cut*, SE1 (071-928 6363). Today, 11am, 3.30pm and 7.30pm Then in rep.

▣ **THE VENETIAN TWINS:** Michael Bogdanov brings his hugely popular and mightily boisterous production of Goldoni's comedy of errors to London from last year's Stratford. David Troughton plays both twins: Rangt Bolt translates.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Now previewing, 7.15pm plus 2pm today; opens Oct 5.

LONG RUNNERS

▣ **Arcadia:** Haymarket (071-930 8800) ▣ **Blood Brothers**, Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . ■ **Buddy** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ■ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) . ■ **Copacabana** Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . ■ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . ■ **Dead Funny** Vaudeville (071-836 9987) . . . ■ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) . . ▣ **Five Guys Named Moe** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-416 6060) □ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404) □ **Lady Windermere's Fan:** Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ■ **Les Misérables**, Palace (071-434 0909) □ **The Miracle Worker** Wyndham's (071-867 1116) . ■ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . □ **The Mousetrap** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) □ **St Joan**, Strand, final day (071-930 8800) ▣ **She Loves Me** Savoy (071-836 8888) ■ **Starlight Express** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . ■ **Sunset Boulevard** Adelphi (071-344 0055) . . . ▣ **The Winslow Boy** Globe (071-494 5065) . ▣ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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NEW ON VIDEO: Lean's masterpiece restored; Fellini's breakthrough revived

■ **THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI**
Columbia TriStar, PG, 1957
NONE of David Lean's later epics have been as taut or thoughtful as this classic study of the British mind almost pushed to breaking point in a Burmese POW camp. Nail-biting tension, awesome scenery and memorable performances, especially from Alec Guinness. Both soundtrack and image have been extensively restored for this video release, which follows the original widescreen shape and throws in the trailer for good measure.



Sessue Hayakawa, the camp commander, berates Alec Guinness as Colonel Nicholson in *The Bridge on the River Kwai*

■ **JURASSIC PARK**
CIC, PG, 1993
HERE they all come, the venom-spitting dilosophaurus, the racing-demon velociraptor, the sick little tri*ceratops who needs petting*, assorted children and dino fodder, plus Dickie Attenborough with the world's most intermittent Scottish accent. The mix might work better if the script from Michael Crichton's novel were not so clumsily stitched together. As things are, the blockbuster stands as a triumph of technology over human interest. Available to rent now; available to buy from November 21.

■ **THE MOON IN THE GUTTER**
Artificial Eye, 18, 1983
WONDER-boy Jean-Jacques Beineix followed his first feature *Diva* with this distinctive but trying exercise in style, inspired by a David Goodis pulp thriller. Dock-worker Gérard Depardieu and rich girl Nastassja Kinski wander through a city bursting with poetic depravity, although they have a hard time competing with the kitsch photography and Hilton McConnico's extravagant studio sets.

■ **ON DEADLY GROUND**
Warner, 15, 1993.
MOCKING laughter is the only sane response to this ludicrous affair from director and star Steven Seagal. Waving the environmentalists' flag, Seagal plays a mighty *douser of oil-rig fires who* joins forces with Alaska's Inuit people in their fight against big business. Dressed in fanciful furs and tassles, spouting little homilies in between punches, Seagal looks every inch the star with a swollen head. Plus a dreadful performance by Michael Caine.

■ **HOW TO BE A WOMAN AND NOT DIE IN THE ATTEMPT**
Curzon, 15, 1991
CARMEN Maura's energy *can usually redeem any film.* But she cannot make actress-turned-director Ana Belen's tale about the travails of a journalist, wife and mother of three seem anything but unremarkable. The film travels in one eye and out the other: maybe video is the best place for it.

■ **LA STRADA**
Connoisseur, PG, 1954
THE Fellini film that made his name with world audiences. Giulietta Masina's winsome antics as the waif who plays clown to Anthony Quinn's brutish circus strongman can be difficult to swallow. But the film's great strength lies in its bittersweet mood and the eerie balance achieved between poetic fantasy and a realistic portrait of lives on the road. Nina Rota's marvellous score is another plus.

■ **THE 25-YEAR MISSION**
Merlin, E, 1994
FEW *Star Trek* episodes seem as strange as this video record of a recent stage appearance by William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy at the Sacramento Community Centre, California. Together and separately, they reminisce, joke, and pull the original *Variety* review of the series out of the files: "an incredible and dreary mess of confusion". Nimoy retains some dignity, but on this showing Shatner does not appear to be somebody you would trust with a bicycle, let alone a spaceship.

GEOFF BROWN

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BAD BOY BUBBY (18): Australian director Roll de Heer's inventive and *disturbing tale of a 35-year-old innocent* at large With Nicholas Hope
MGM Fulham Road ▣ (071-370 2636) **Plaza** ▣ (0800 888997) **Screen/Hill** ▣ (071-435 3366) **Warner** ▣ (071-437 4343)

LADYBIRD LADYBIRD (18) Volatile mother versus Social Services. Emotionally devastating drama from Ken Loach, based on a true story, with a powerful performance by Crissy Rock.
Chelsea (071-351 3742) **Gate** ▣ (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **MGM Tottenham Court Rd** (071-636 6148) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520)

THE RED SQUIRREL (18) Fresh and frisky anti-machismo frolic by rising Spanish director Julio Medem. With Emma Suarez and Nancho Novo
Metro (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **SPEED** (15): Enjoyable package of thrills, with Keanu Reeves as the SWAT team daredevil faced with a bomb on an LA bus. With Sandra Bullock and Dennis Hopper.
Barbican ▣ (071-638 8891) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **CITY SLICKERS II** (12) Overly disjointed sequel to the 1991 hit, with Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern, Jon Lovitz and Jack Palance Paul Weiland directs
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** ▣ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ▣ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ▣ (071-437 4343)

◆ **CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER** (12): Harrison Ford fights Government duplicity and Colombia's drug cartels. Phillip Noyce directs the best Jack Ryan adventure so far.
Empire ▣ (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ▣ (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ▣ (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (071-792 3332)

◆ **COLOR OF NIGHT** (18) Tawdry, unpleasant erotic thriller, with Bruce Willis as a therapist dogged by a murderer. With Jane March, director, Richard Rush
MGM Trocadero ▣ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ▣ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (071-792 3332)

DAZED AND CONFUSED (18): High school kids of 1976 drink, fight and philosophise Mildly disappointing follow-up to Slacker from director Richard Linklater.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Warner** ▣ (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE FLINTSTONES** (U). Hollow, noisy live-action treatment of the TV cartoon set in Stone Age suburbia, with John Goodman Brian Levant directs
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ▣ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (071-792 3332)

GETTYSBURG (PG): Marathon TV-style account of the Civil War battles No point of view, but quite impressive once the armies start fighting With Jeff Daniels, Tom Berenger and Martin Sheen: Ronald F Maxwell directs.
MGM Shaftesbury Ave (836 6279)

THE HUDSUCKER PROXY (PG) Hick becomes company boss Ritzy comic pastiche from the Coen brothers, with Tim Robbins, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Paul Newman.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Phoenix** (081-883 2223)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18). Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGMs: Fulham Road** ▣ (071-370 2636) **Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

◆ **THE MASK** (PG) Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Trocadero** ▣ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ▣ (437 4343)

MAVERICK (PG) Mel Gibson as the TV Western conman. Disappointing summer fun, with Jodie Foster and James Garner Director, Richard Donner
Warner ▣ (071-437 4343)

MR JONES (15): Contrived romantic drama about a manic depressive (Richard Gere) and his doctor (Lena Olin). Director, Mike Figgis
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

PEEPING TOM (18): Michael Powell's voyeuristic horror film of 1960, alternately clever, dull and unpleasant. With Carl Boehm and Anna Massey.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

THE REMAINS OF THE DAY (U). Life and lost chances of an English butler. Merchant Ivory's coldly glamorous account of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel stars Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson. Closes today
Odeon Mezzanine ▣ (0426 915683)

SIRENS (15) Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson Directed by John Duigan.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Odeon Mezzanine** ▣ (0426 915683) **Warner** ▣ (071-437 4343)

SMOKING/NO SMOKING (PG): Ayckbourn adapted into French by Alain Resnais exquisitely turned, but the artifice gets wearing
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Minema** (071-235 4225)

◆ **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS** (U): You are never too old to enjoy the world's first feature-length cartoon, in a sparkling restored print.
NFT (071-928 3232) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ▣ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (today only) ▣ (792 3332)

◆ **TRUE LIES** (15): Schwarzenegger saves the world from Middle East terrorists But what about his marriage? Overblown fun with Jamie Lee Curtis
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ▣ (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (071-792 3332)

◆ **WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN** (15): Serious, well-focused drama about alcohol abuse, detoxification and after With Meg Ryan and Andy Garcia: director, Luis Mandoki.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (792 3332) **Warner** ▣ (437 4343)

◆ **WOLF** (15): Jack Nicholson's beast within finally comes out. Amusing, *intelligent werewolf movie, with Michelle* Pfeiffer. Director, Mike Nichols.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Mezzanine** (from Sun) ▣ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2223) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (792 3332)

◆ **WYATT EARP** (12). Over-solemn and reverential epic, with Kevin Costner as the lawman, and Dennis Quaid as Doc Holliday Lawrence Kasdan directs
MGM Trocadero ▣ (071-434 0031) **Warner** ▣ (071-437 4343)

Interactive but not hyperactive

Music as an interactive form of entertainment is still on a slow road to finding a definition

MULTIMEDIA

Twelve months is an eternity in the world of entertainment technology. Last September, a new gospel rang out through the corridors of Manchester's Holiday Inn. For delegates at "In The City", Britain's annual music-business conference and beer-fest, the message was clear: an intravenous shot of interactive multimedia was just the medicine to drag an ailing industry out of its sick-bed.

So this year a swathe was cleared in the proceedings for "Interactive City", a two-day exploration of multimedia, CD-I and CD-Rom, the Internet and the prospect of direct-to-consumer music downloads via telephone.

For anybody who has not set time aside to study the relevant literature, these developments have arrived with indecent disregard to our mental health. Coping with films on compact discs is all very well, but how can the overstretched householder absorb wild-eyed talk of dialling the next Kylie Minogue single and then listening to it from the hard drive of a computer? Or pointing a controller at the television screen in order to make a quick remix of a David Bowie track?

All of these choices are promised, and rapidly increasing numbers of us are already exchanging vital information about pet care or the minutiae of Neil Young's discography via computers and telephones connected to the global Internet.

Interactive media discussions attract a soporific mix of techno-babble, new frontier boosterism and impenetrable copyright wrangles. In theory, a varied selection of panels would erect some non-virtual wall between software-hardware fetishists keen to discuss authoring code or modem rates and those important but droning men in suits who devote their lives to intellectual property.

That was the theory. But the 12-month time-lag was crucial. What has happened in interactive media during that period and is it the panacea it once seemed? After all the pessimism about computer games supplanting useless musicians, music seems relevant and exciting all over again.

For the person characterised by Sandy MacKenzie, head of Philips Interactive, as the milkman in the street, the concept of interactivity remains rooted at a human level. Philips is still struggling to penetrate the domestic environment with its user-friendly CD-I boxes, so to be interactive still means responding with a "fine, thanks" when the milkman asks after your health.

Many delegates expressed frustration with the fledgeling multimedia industry. What can these fancy machines really do? What about all the competing boxes and cables, heralded by equally plausible claims to be the future carriers of interactive entertainment? Why have we not been bombarded with exciting interactive music titles during the past year?

Thus far, most interactive music discs have been caught in a nether world. Hovering between an electronic press kit, an elaborate compact music disc and an expensively tiny slice of MTV style audio-visuals, the average interactive disc is hobbled by its own interface. Clicking on options with a mouse or remote controller is perfect for learning what Winston Churchill did during the war, but if your heart's desire is to lose yourself in sound, then clicking away at small action boxes will not exactly help you to fly.

As for interactive media being the zillion-pound industry to keep the limousines rolling and the linen suits clean, everybody agreed that the bonanza would arrive in time; for the moment, earthquake training was essential in order to stay calm.

The present degree of instability was driven home by the fact that ESP, exhibiting in Interactive City as Britain's cutting-edge multimedia developer, had just gone into receivership.

By the end of a series of high-level slugging matches, the medium with the most immediate usefulness seemed to be the Internet. Companies could post information, receive feedback and communicate, as John Lennon once put it, across the universe. In the mid-1990s we can process information. Culture remains insoluble.

DAVID TOOP

Time to brush the tuxedo and get the evening dress back from the dry-cleaner – the first night of David Suchet's new play is at hand

Get set for a Field night

THE TIMES THEATRE CLUB

FIRST nights always have a special atmosphere, and no one appreciates a first night more than a Theatre Club member. On October 12, *What a Performance*, a new comedy, opens at the Queen's Theatre in Shaftesbury Avenue. Written by David Humble and starring David Suchet — who has played the likes of Sigmund Freud and, most famously, Hercule Poirot in his time — the play is a celebration of the life of 1940s comic genius Sid Field. From 1943, until his early death in 1950, Field was one of the country's greatest comic stars, appearing in four West End shows and two films. He was fêted by the likes of Bob Hope and Danny Kaye and influenced many future comedians, among them Tony Hancock, Frankie Howerd and Eric Morecombe. *What a Performance* is directed by Roger Redfarn.

Theatre Club members can buy tickets to the first night for £17.50 (normal price £22.50) and will receive a free programme and a glass of champagne. To book telephone 071-494 5041





David Suchet (left) adds to a long list of character roles by taking on the part of the influential real-life comedian Sid Field in What a Performance — see left

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

GLASGOW
Tron Theatre
Oct 12
● SET in a small fishing community, Stephen Greenhorn's new play, *The Salt Wound* is a modern tragedy; the dramatic story of a family torn apart by different attitudes to the sea. Full of mythical resonances, it is presented by the 7:84 Theatre Company. Theatre Club members can buy two tickets for the price of one (normal prices £6 and £7.50). Tel 041-552 4267

LONDON
Drill Hall
Oct 13-16
● MUSIC Theatre London has built a reputation for revitalising and re-interpreting well-known operas: its production of *The Marriage of Figaro* will be transmitted as part of the pre-Christmas entertainment on BBC2. Now the company brings its experience and style to contemporary work in a production of a new opera, *The Poisoned Chalice*, composed by Tony Britten. The opera explores the eternal triangle of King Arthur, Guinevere and Lancelot in the waning days of Camelot. The quest for the Holy Grail, intended as a rallying call, takes a sinister turn as jealousy, desire and betrayal wreak havoc on Arthur's court. Club members can save £5 on tickets (normal prices £13 and £15) and will receive a complimentary programme. Tel 071-637 8270

MILFORD HAVEN
Torch Theatre
Oct 11-22
● MOLIERE's spicy farce *The School for Wives* has been updated by the Torch Theatre Company to incorporate an ageing rock star and his stylish young rival. The clash between age and youth is vividly brought to life in a romp that begins with a man's perception of the perfect bride, lurches through a chaos of disruptive incidents and blundering intrigues, and adds a whole new meaning to the vow to "love, honour and obey". Theatre Club members can buy tickets for £4.50 (normal price £7.50). Tel 0646 695267

NOTTINGHAM
Playhouse
Oct 10-20
● FAST, physical and full of sinister black humour, *Get off My Foot!* by Lee Simpson (a regular member of the Comedy Store Players) and Phemil McDermott is the tale of a comedy double that goes tragically wrong. Whitaker and Mason are a notorious duo whose act is violent, visual and kamikaze. Mason is killed, and returns from the grave to unravel the mystery of his gruesome death and torment his former co-stars. Flashbacks to their sick jokes, comic songs and slick routines reveal the intriguing chain of events that led to the fatal night. Theatre Club members can save 20 per cent on tickets (normal price £9.5 and £11.50). Tel 0115 9419419

MIDDLESBROUGH
The Little Theatre
Oct 3-6
● TELEVISION presenter Ross King plays Lord Fancourt Babberley in *Charley's Aunt*, the classic farce of unrequited love and mistaken identies. Others in the cast are Andrew Trueluck as Charley, Simon De Deney (Jack) and Judith Carpenter (Donna Lucia). Club members can buy seats for only £1 on Monday; and from Tuesday to Thursday two tickets for the price of one (normally £8). Tel 0642 815181

LEICESTER
Haymarket
Oct 11-15
● PAUL Kerryson directs the rarely seen original 1971 Broadway version of Stephen Sondheim's *Follies*. Stylish, spectacular and moving, the musical features the songs "Broadway Baby", "I'm Still Here" and "Losing My Mind" (a hit for Liza Minnelli with the Pet Shop Boys). This is the first major production of *Follies* since the hugely successful West End production in 1987. Theatre Club members can buy tickets for £10 (normal prices £13 and £15) and will receive a complimentary souvenir *Follies* programme. Tel 0533 539797

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RECORDINGS: Madonna has a romantic turn; R.E.M. unleash a monster; the Tallis Scholars visit Rome; Roocroft teases the fans

POP SINGLES

David Sinclair

■ MADONNA
"Secret"
Maverick/Sire/Warner Bros 9362-41785★★
A PLEASANTLY airy, mid-tempo theme with a lilting melody and descending chord sequence, "Secret" finds the self-appointed queen of sexual endeavour in unusually romantic mood. Acoustic guitar and haunting strings lead the way in a performance that eschews the pneumatic dancefloor *thud* for something a little more subtly seductive.

A taster from her forthcoming album, *Bedtime Stories*, this is sure to be another song to add to Madonna's already unrivalled run of 34 consecutive Top Ten hit singles in this country.

□ JAMIROQUAI
"Space Cowboy"
S2 660851★★
A SONG that careers through a series of wild mood-swings without ever quite losing the plot, "Space Cowboy" marks the welcome return of the acid-jazz upstart who marries the spirit of American legends such as Stevie Wonder and Sly Stone with the street sounds of 1990s London.

Starting off in a relaxed, summery vein, the song soon switches into heavy funk mode — lots of burping fuzz bass and clonking cowbells — before settling into a twitchy uptempo groove, powered by Stuart Zender's rubberised bass line and Jay Kay's exuberantly meandering vocal.



Madonna's new single, "Secret", eschews the dancefloor rhythms for a lilting melody and a seductive arrangement

POP ALBUMS

David Sinclair

■ R.E.M.
Monster
Warner Bros 9362-45740★★
THE band who more than any other saw the *Unplugged* era coming have finally ditched the mandolins and acoustic guitars and rediscovered the joys of loud, electric rock'n'roll.

From the naggingly familiar riff and typically opaque lyric of the opening track, "What's The Frequency, Kenneth?", to the agonised, slow-burning finale of "You", *Monster* is a single-minded attempt by R.E.M. to re-establish their cutting-edge/alternative rock band credentials.

To this end, songs such as "Circus Envy", with its riff coated in a blizzard of super-distorted guitar noise, take the group further "out there" than they have ever been before. It works well enough, up to a point, but there are times when the strategy begins to sound self-conscious. "Let Me In", a brooding reverie on the violent demise of Nirvana's Kurt Cobain, would have been better served by a gentler (perhaps acoustic) arrangement, yet sticks with the massively overloaded guitar sound, albeit without any bass or drums.

The heavy stylistic straitjacket is, however, cast aside for "Tongue", an aching lament with a straightforward piano and organ backdrop, and "Strange Currencies", an affecting ballad which echoes the melody of last year's hit, "Everybody Hurts", while the album's best songs — "Bang And Blame" and "I Don't Sleep, I Dream" — are both eerie rumbles which fall somewhere between the two extremes.

Although not as sure-footed as the earlier work which it recalls, *Monster* is a dramatic reversion to type that rescues R.E.M. from the burden of expectation which nowadays sits on their shoulders like a dead weight.

□ THE CRANBERRIES
No Need To Argue
Island 524050★
DESPITE singer Dolores O'Riordan's assumption that the world will be as anxious as she is to dwell on her personal miseries — a trait which reinforces her disconcerting tendency to sound like Sinéad O'Connor — the Cranberries continue to weave Celtic-influenced melodies around a post-Smiths, indie-rock framework with beguiling results.

□ LYLE LOVETT
I Love Everybody
Curb/MCA MCD 10808★★
WHETHER lamenting his supposed inability to pick up women, the hell of meeting the parents-in-law ("They Don't Like Me"), his distaste for fat babies or his love of everybody, Lovett manages the rare feat of combining humour and melancholia with consistently engaging results.

JAZZ

Clive Davis

■ BENNY GREEN
The Place To Be
Blue Note 8292682★★
TAKE away the fashionable packaging and artwork, and you might almost be listening to one of those insouciant Blue Note sessions of yesteryear. Just in case anyone misses the connection, Benny Green's bass player, Christian McBride provides a gentle nudge on the opening track, "Nice Pants", as he juggles with a solo drawn from "Moanin' ", the Bobby Timmons composition which served as an anthem for Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers.

A former Blakey sideman himself, Green knows his way around the rugged terrain of hard bop, and as a long-serving member of the barn-storming Ray Brown's Trio — a perennial favourite with festival audiences — he has gained ample first-hand experience in the crafting of potent melodic hooks. With each new album he sounds more and more likely to take on the mantle of Horace Silver.

The addition of a horn section on three of the tracks — with arrangements co-written by the resourceful Bob Belden — yields even more echoes of Silver. Green may not have come up with anything to match a "Señor Blues" or "Song For My Father" yet, but the vibrant interplay with McBride's bass and Kenny Washington's crisp drumming is as cheering as anything in contemporary jazz.

He delivers a tribute to another of his mentors, Oscar Peterson, on "Noreen's Nocturne". An unashamedly percussive improviser, Green is at his most compelling whenever he locks onto a rhythmic figure with gospel embellishments — as he does on his unaccompanied reading of Ray Brown's "The Gravy Waltz".

The longueurs tend to occur whenever he moves from chordal passages into lengthy and cluttered single-note runs. Those are rare lapses. The remainder comes close to matching the exultant live album taped at the Village Vanguard two years ago.



Kitt: impressive pedigree

□ EARTHA KITT
Standards Live
ITM Records ITM-1484★
EYEBROWS will be raised, perhaps, at the thought of the feline balladeer singing jazz, but anyone who has caught her recent concerts will know she boasts an impressive pedigree in this field. The mannerisms stop just short of overwhelming "God Bless The Child" and "My Funny Valentine". Her funky quartet — led by the German virtuoso Joachim Kühn — is certainly in no danger of falling into the category of pipe-and-slippers easy listening.

EARLY MUSIC

Stephen Pettitt

■ THE TALLIS SCHOLARS LIVE IN ROME
The Tallis Scholars/Phillips
Gimell CDGIM 994 (also available on video)★★★
THE Palestrina 400 concert, marking the four-hundredth anniversary of the composer's death, was given in one of the churches in Rome where he worked, the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, last February. Here is the Tallis Scholars' contribution preserved, and it is very good indeed.

Peter Phillips has presumably given up his ambition to record all of Palestrina's masses. Here we have just the most popular of them, the *Missa Papae Marcelli*, along with settings of the "Stabat Mater", "Alma Redemptoris Mater", the *Magnificat* and the eight-voice *Nunc Dimittis*.

Into the bargain, there is also the customarily bowdlerised version of Allegri's *Miserere* (those eloquent solos with searing top Cs are a later elaboration). Although the choir cannot hope to retain either the sound or the flavour of its 16th-century predecessors — and has never pretended to — the firm, cool voices seem utterly appropriate, while the recording preserves a palpable sense of occasion.

There is a video available, too, although of interest more for the shots of the church's lovely architecture and mosaic work than for those of the musicians at work.

□ OCKEGHEM
Missa Mi-Mi and other works
The Clerks' Group
ASV Gaudeamus CD GAU 139★★
ANOTHER, rather earlier Renaissance composer (his dates are c. 1410 — 1497), Johannes Ockeghem was nothing if not an individualist. In an age in which discovering new ways to unify pieces was all the rage, he went against the grain. The *Missa Mi-Mi* has no cantus firmus (fixed tune), no imitation between the parts, but sometimes illustrates the text through ambitious, and for its time advanced, word-painting techniques. Above all the music flows expressively, almost seamlessly.

The Clerks' Group, yet another fine Oxbridge ensemble, gives it a sturdyish rather than ethereal reading.

The record is completed with the "Salve Regina" and "Alma Redemptoris Mater" settings by the same composer, and with Jacob Obrecht's "Quod Chorus vatum/Haec Deum caeli", Antoine Busnois's rich "Victimae Paschali Laudes" and Heinrich Isaac's lovely motet for the feast of All Saints, "Angeli, Archangeli", all very different but equally beautiful music from the same glorious epoch.

ORCHESTRAL

Barry Millington

■ MAHLER
"Resurrection" Symphony
Ziesak/Hellekant/San Francisco Symphony & Chorus/Blomstedt
Decca 443 350-2★★
CLOCKING in at just over 80 minutes, Mahler's Symphony No 2 (the "Resurrection") was evidently not a product of the CD age. A few minutes longer than can comfortably be accommodated on a single disc, the symphony poses a problem for record companies. Decca's solution, with the new recording by the San Francisco Symphony and Chorus under Herbert Blomstedt, is to offer the work on two discs for the price of one. And by putting the 20-minute first movement alone on the first disc, they are able to offer a bonus in the form of the five-minute pause which the composer prescribed to follow the movement.

Blomstedt is in any case in no hurry to dispatch this mighty sprawl of a movement. His tempos are measured — sometimes even a shade deliberate — though he uses that space to punch out Mahler's many heavily accented themes, and rarely does one sense any lack of momentum. Blomstedt's handling of the fortissimo chromatic descent that ends the movement is typical in that it is not so much a headlong rush as a strongly articulated *coup de grâce* to a movement of high drama.

Too little is made of the pianissimo/fortissimo contrast at the blast of C major towards the end of the third movement. But if this eruption is less than volcanic, amends are made shortly afterwards with an apocalyptic outburst of full orchestra. Charlotte Hellekant is an expressive mezzo soloist in "Urlicht", and Ruth Ziesak a pure, celestial soprano. The closing "Resurrection Hymn" is a glorious blaze of sound, captured magnificently by the Decca engineers in the newly remodelled Davies Hall, home of the San Francisco Symphony. The acoustics of the hall have been refined at a cost of $10m dollars, and this is the first recording to benefit from the restructuring.



Blomstedt: in no hurry

I would not recommend this set over Haitink's magisterial 1968 recording, nor Rattle's more recent incandescent account with Auger and Baker as the soloists.

Nevertheless, it is a thoughtful, engaging reading, and for the clarity and depth of its sound picture it deserves serious consideration.

CHAMBER

Hilary Finch

■ WEBER/ MENDELSSOHN
Clarinet Quintet, Concert pieces, etc.
New Helsinki Quartet/ Kriikku
Ondine ODE 820-2★★
THE invisible linkman on this delightful new disc of quintets, grand duos and concert pieces from the Romantic salon is the German clarinettist Heinrich Joseph Bärmann. His virtuosity stretched Carl Maria von Weber's composing imagination to the full; and when they went off together on their grand tours of Europe, Bärmann's performances energetically promoted Weber's music long before marketing was thought of.

And now here comes the young Finnish clarinettist, Kari Kriikku, revelling in just that creamy, even consistency of tone from top to bottom which Weber so admired. There is a live, piquant core to his playing: rolling arpeggios and devilish chromatic scales glint multicoloured in the light of his nimbly pointed playing. Kriikku's quietest playing is always lucid and purposeful, and the New Helsinki Quartet supports it with its own finely balanced ensemble.

For the *Grand Duo Concertant*, Kriiku's pianist is Arto Satukangas, who is also present to witness and comment on Mendelssohn's first Concert Piece for clarinet, basset-horn, and piano. Osmo Linkola enjoys no less the after-dinner stomach-rumbling which Mendelssohn invented for the basset-horn in its companion piece.

□ DEBUSSY/RAVEL
String Quartets
Keller Quaret
Erato 4509-96361-2★★
EVERY string quartet of any stature eventually feels obliged to register its own Debussy/Ravel performance in the catalogue. So the young Hungarian Keller Quartet has to make a pretty strong case for its latest disc.

What makes the Keller's performance distinctive is the determination and urgency of the playing. For Debussy, the first movement is every bit as "*très décidé*" as the composer would have wished: with brisk tempos and muscular phrasing, yet never without meticulous attention to balance and shading of tone and texture. Their slow movement is particularly impressive. Sound begins to reverberate as if from nowhere, and an unbroken line of melody hovers between the four instruments, eliding, almost imperceptibly, into the clear and glowing colours of the finale.

The Keller Quartet presents Ravel as a rather more slick, honey-tongued customer. The legato playing consciously melds the different voices rather than distinguishing them, and the slow movement, with its glossy surface suddenly disturbed by unpredictable harmonic and rhythmic ripples, creates a deeply absorbing world of its own.

OPERA

John Higgins

■ AMANDA ROOCROFT
LPO/Welser-Möst
EMI CDC 5 55090 2★★
AT A quick glance Amanda Roocroft in her first recital record seems out to prove that at 28 she can tackle almost anything. She starts with Handel and ends with Richard Strauss, and in between come arias from Mozart, Puccini, Verdi, Charpentier and even Dvořák.

Perhaps, though, she is just teasing her admirers into guessing which direction her career is going to take next. Roocroft herself, with a reputation for level-headedness, probably knows well.

The career to date has mainly flourished on Mozart and in particular her Fiordiligi in Glyndebourne's *Sail Away!* version of *Così* steered by Captain Trevor Nunn. "Come scoglio" is here, steady as the rock of its title and showing the mature warmth that is already in the Roocroft voice. "Zeffiretti lusinghieri" (*Idomeneo*) proves her well able to cope with Mozart at his most florid. But it is the three Puccini heroines who really catch the ear: Magda (*La rondine*), Lauretta and Manon Lescaut. With these ladies, dreaming or pleading, the voice really swells and blooms with the LPO, although clear diction is not the strong point.



Roocroft: mature warmth

The disappointment is a poorly phrased and unemotional "Ave Maria" from *Otello* and the chief bonus — after Puccini — a shimmering account of "O silver moon" (in Czech) from *Rusalka*.

Franz Welser-Möst is a highly sympathetic conductor, always allowing his soprano the centre stage. But he might have suggested the inclusion of one bubbly piece to recall the effervescence of that Glyndebourne Fiordiligi.

★ *Worth hearing*
★★ *Worth considering*
★★★ *Worth buying*

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SPECIAL EVENTS

'ALL HALLOWS' EVE'

Pumpkin lanterns light the way for two eerie evenings of spooky fun and lively entertainment to celebrate All Hallows' Eve at Lord Lichfield's country estate Shugborough in Staffordshire on Sunday 30th and Monday 31st October. Only the very brave are invited to enter the haunted Georgian house where the ghosts of past ancestors loom ominously through the shadows. Blood-curdling screams echo from the long cobwebbed corridors that lie beneath the historic stone floors. For Gothic adventure and terrible tales, step into the Servants' Quarters to meet a host of wild and wacky characters from gruesome monsters to one-eyed toads, glitzy witches and fumbling wizards.

Tread carefully as the very name Shugborough derives from the burial ground meeting places of witches and Hobgoblins. Discover the mysteries and folk-lore surrounding All Hallows' Eve sampling All Souls Cake and traditional apple bobbing. Hallowe'en characters mingle with the crowds, as street sellers, illusionists, musicians, dancers, stilt walkers and jugglers perform throughout this most bewitching night. This devilishly entertaining evening is full of mischief and fun in celebration of All Hallows' Eve.

Admission (All Hallows' Eve celebrations): advance tickets adults £3.50, children £2.50. Tickets on the night adults £4.00, children £3.00. Credit card hotline: 0543 252109

Opening times (All Hallows' Eve celebrations): 5-8pm

Times-NPI Passport holders have been offered £1 off adult admission.

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The Mansion House, Shugborough

FULBECK HALL

Fulbeck Hall, Grantham, Lincolnshire, is the venue for the Arnhem exhibition being held today and tomorrow to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem. Fulbeck Hall was the headquarters of the 1st Airborne Division throughout 1944. The soldiers of this division were those sent 'a bridge too far' in September that year to capture the crossing over the River Rhine at Arnhem - their part in the ill fated Operation Market Garden. Mary Fry, owner of Fulbeck Hall, has traced members of the 1st Airborne Division who worked in the house, and has borrowed from museums and private collections to make the Maps Room look as it did 50 years ago. In the adjoining room there are displays explaining what happened to the Division in the fateful nine days at Arnhem and many items loaned by veterans.

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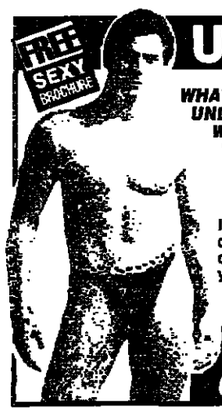
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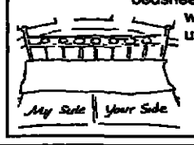
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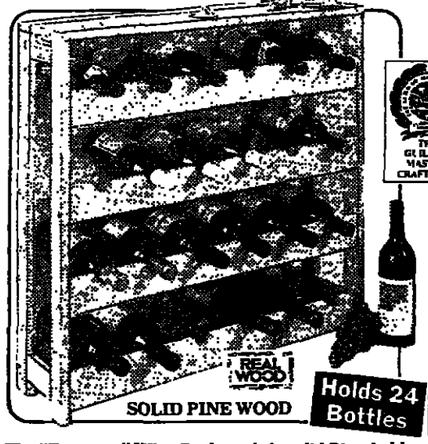
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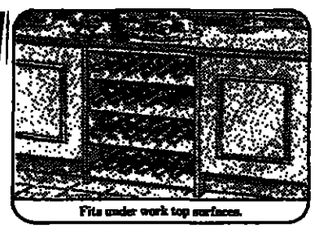
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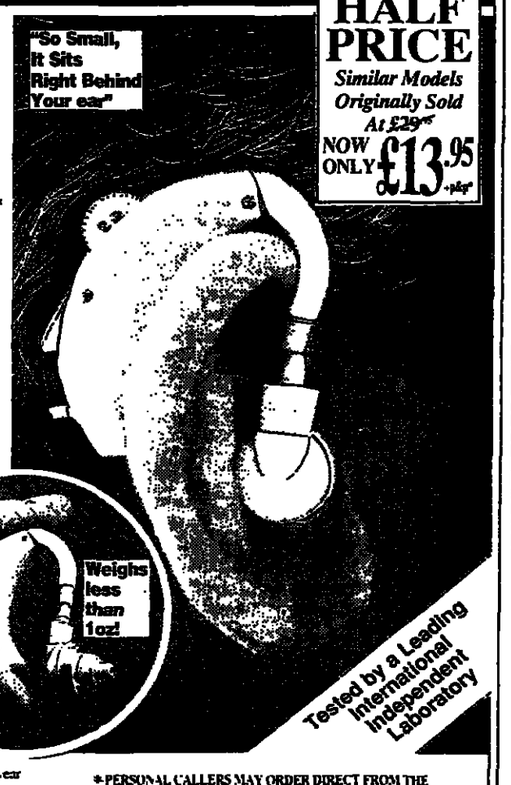
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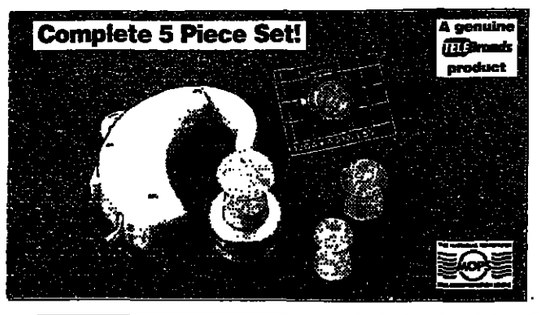
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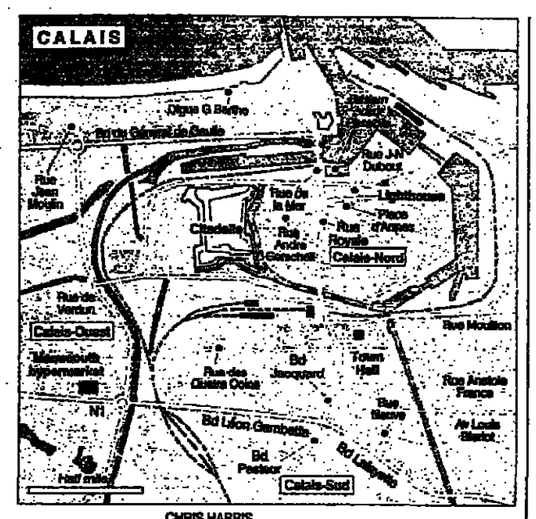
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A day-tripper's guide to the best of Calais



Looking forward to a trip across the Channel to stock up on French food and wines? **Robin Young** offers advice on where to go and what to buy

From now until Christmas, Calais will be the favoured destination every day for thousands of British shoppers keen to bring a bit of Continental variety and French economy into their lives. Those who get the most out of it, though, will be those who give a bit of forethought to the logistics.

There is no disguising the fact that French rates of duty on alcohol are the principal attraction. A price advantage of 42p on every pint of beer and £1 on every bottle of wine moves every consumer's expedition into profit now that there is no limit on the quantities that can be bought in France for personal importation. There are, of course, still limits on the quantities of duty-free goods that can be purchased, but they are additional and can be bought both ways.

There are drinks warehouses all round Calais, but remember that bulk-bought beers, wines and spirits are cumbersome and weighty. It is important not to overload axles, and sensible to make these purchases last.

From a practical day-tripper's point of view, Calais divides into three destinations: north, south and west. There is an east, and it contains the Continent supermarket, but it can be ignored. By setting out early and returning late it is possible to tour all the three remaining points of the Calais compass, but it is by no means necessary. Those who do not overestimate their stamina will be wise to pick and choose before they go.

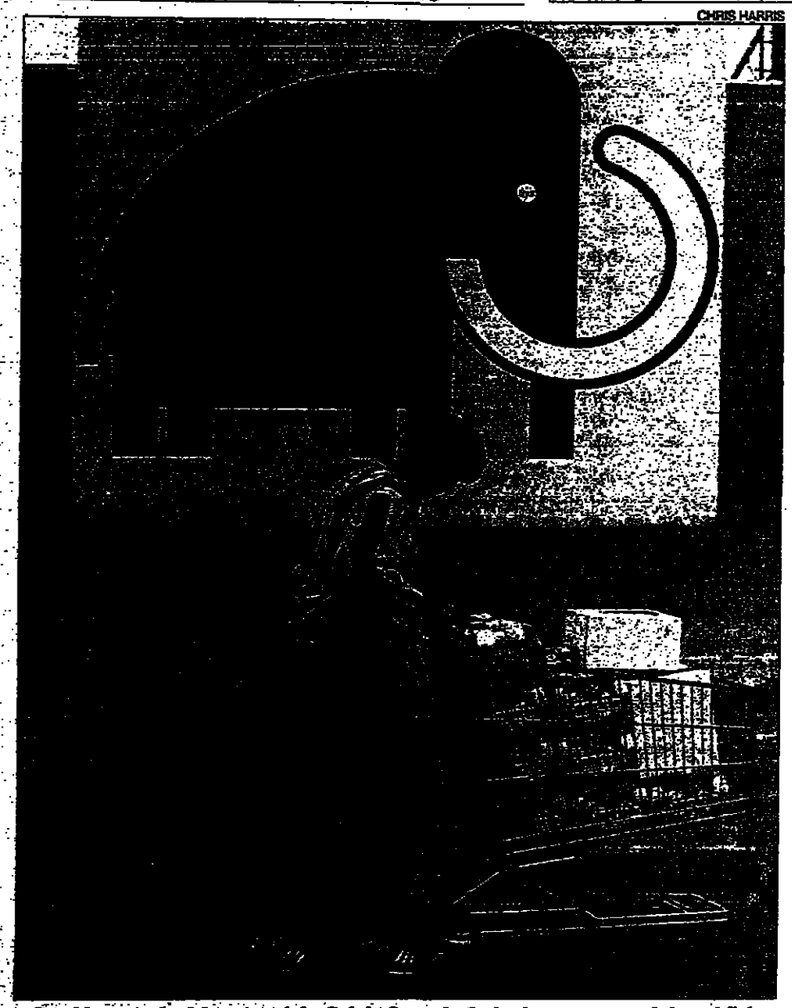
Calais-Ouest has the Mammouth hypermarket, much larger and better geared than Continent to cope with a tide of British invaders. Mammouth is at the far side of town from the ferry terminal, but can be reached speedily on the town by-pass, or by following the N1 toward Boulogne from the town centre, past the fortifications attributed to Vauban.

At the left of the entrance to the hypermarket is a strategically sited Sainsbury's beer, wine and spirit shop selling some 200 of the own-brands that British drinkers know and trust, all offered at the advantageous prices which the French rates of duty permit.

Mammouth, of course, has its own almost exclusively French selections. Note that while Sainsbury's cheapest champagne is almost £10 a bottle, Mammouth at present does one for about £6.

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Mammouth is also the place for cheap glassware, kitchen and garden equipment, clothing, and cutlery and crockery, but the things I would *not* recommend buying there include *charcuterie*, cakes, chocolates, cheeses and bread. To get the best of those it is essential to visit specialist shops, and that means going to Calais-Nord, the sea-end of town, centred on Rue Royale and the Place d'Armes.

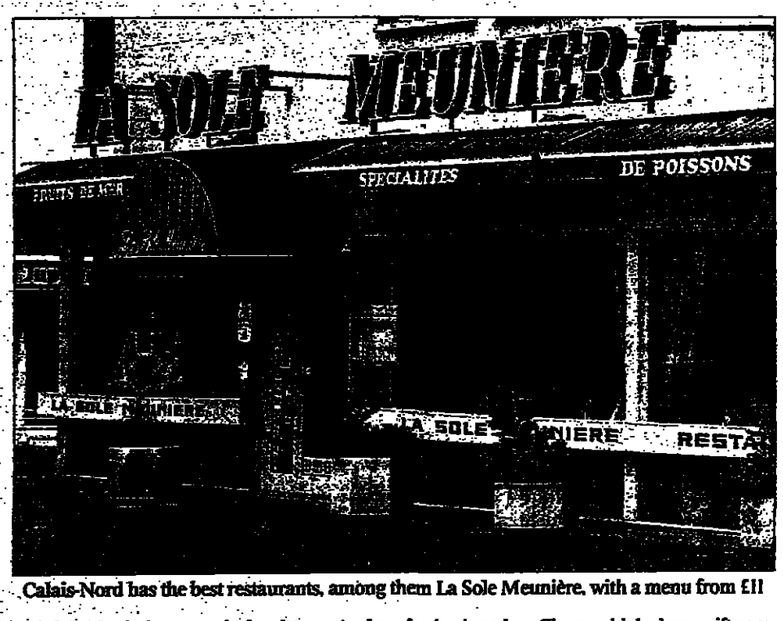


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Good buys at the Mammouth in Calais-Ouest include champagne and tinned fish



Shoppers get their bearings



Calais-Nord has the best restaurants, among them La Sole Meunière, with a menu from £11

The relevant addresses are the Bellynck Charcuterie at 10 Rue Royale, for cold meats and sausages, the Pâtisserie aux 6 Bourgeois de Calais, at 53 Rue Royale, for cakes and tea, Leonidas Belgian chocolates on the same side of the street towards Place d'Armes. La Maison du Fromage round the corner at 1 Rue André Gerschell, for some 200 sorts of well-kept cheeses, and the unnamed bakery tucked away in Rue Jean-Noël Dubout (off the north side of Place d'Armes) for fresh bread.

Calais-Nord is the town's smartest shopping centre and has the most fashionable boutiques. Worthy of note in the short length of Rue Royale are: Jacadi, children's fashions; L'Escale en Provence, Provençal herbs, liqueurs and spices; Transat, trendy fashions; Dutertre, perfumes and beauty products; A Tout Coeur, romantic jewellery; Delire, children's novelties; Jacques Dessange, haircare; Silhouette, mature women's fashions; Phildar, wools and knitting; Brulerie de la Tour, teapots, teas and coffees; René Classe, high-class giftware; Sprint, Lacoste shirts; Optic 2000, smart specs; Descamps, towels and linens; Sabine, French underwear; Au Sphinx, handbags and leather; Liaison Fatale, Ralph Lauren and Kenzo fashion accessories; Point Cadres, French prints and posters ready-framed; and La Boutique de Benjamin, children's shoes specialist.

If you are buying your drink in Calais-Nord there is a reliable Nicolas concessionaire in Place d'Armes, and a specialist champagne dealer, Annick Ehrlich, at Royal Champagne, 9 Rue André Gerschel. The Match supermarket on Place d'Armes will provide a taxi to the ferry for those spending more than 500 francs (£62.50).

Calais's best restaurants are all crowded into Calais-Nord. Le Channel on the yacht-basin frontage of Boulevard de la Résistance is a firm favourite, though its neighbours on either side, La Sole Meunière and Le Detroit, also have regular supporters. Further toward the sea, overlooking the fine, sandy beach and harbour entrance there is commendable cooking at Aquarelle, 255 Rue Jean Moulin, and Côte d'Argent, 1 Digue G-Berthe. All these five have menus from about £11.

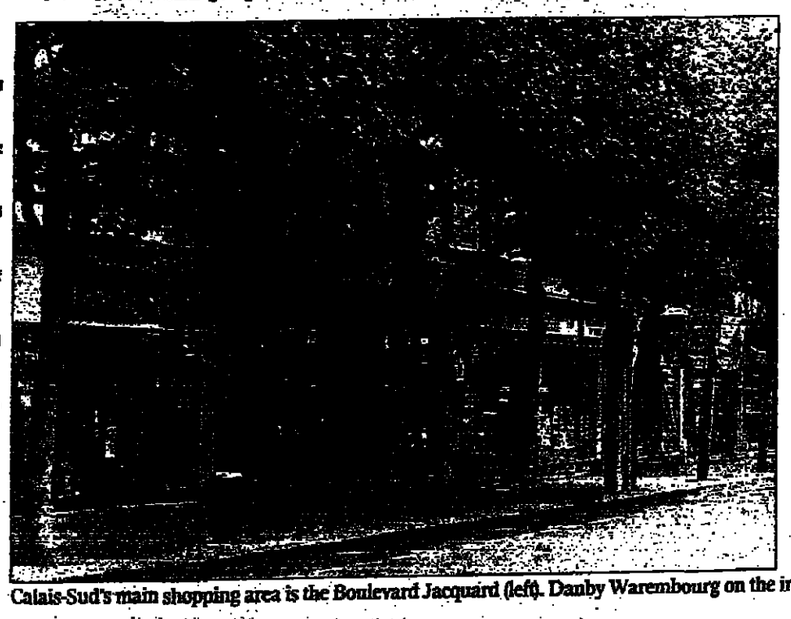
Wherever you choose to eat, claim a place early, to avoid disappointment, and allow at least an hour per 100 francs (about £12) of the menu price you want to choose. Menus costing 300 francs (about £37) or more are likely to take three hours to eat.

Calais-Sud's main shopping street is Boulevard Jacquard, which runs from the town hall to the town centre intersection with Boulevards Lafayette and Léon Gambetta, in front of the rather fine theatre.

The shops in these streets include pharmacies (useful for beauty treatments such as the Phas or Biotherm ranges), opticians (good for stylish specs), and cheap chain outfitters such as Prisunic, Bata, Etam and André. Do not be misled into thinking that Burton has anything to with the British drapery chain of that name or that M*S Mode has any relationship to Marks & Spencer.

The best food shops are Aux Délices de Calais (cakes), Verschelle (chocolates), A la Ferme (traditional products), and A la Sole Berckoise (fish) in Boulevard Jacquard, and Au Fin Bec (cheeses) in Boulevard Lafayette.

Other shops of special interest are Gai Jouet (children's playthings), Fonteyne (lingerie), Athlete's Foot (sports shoes) and Z (children's clothes) in Boulevard Jacquard, and Henry Martin (Basque berets, matelots' caps and other French headgear), J. Delsart (men's fashion shoes), Touret (outsize women's fashions) and Danby Warembourg and Henry Furman (designer clothing for men) in Boulevard Lafayette.





Calais-Sud's main shopping area is the Boulevard Jacquard (left). Danby Warembourg on the intersecting Boulevard Lafayette sells designer clothing for men

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Simon Heneage has plenty to smile about now that the new National Museum of Cartoon Art is about to mount its first exhibition







Simon Heneage, left, shows his private collection to Kenneth Baker, the politician turned television presenter; centre, a print of a Lewis Marks cartoon; and right, The Late Arrivals, a pen and ink and watercolour, by H.M. Bateman

Now we can all see the joke

Simon Heneage's walls are covered with hundreds of jokes: he is one of the country's foremost collectors of original cartoons. Now retired from the Books and Prints department of Sotheby's, he is a founder trustee of the Cartoon Art Trust.

With the cartoonists Nicholas Garland, John Jensen, the late Mel Calman and Diana Willis (daughter of the great H.M. Bateman), he established the trust in 1989 with the prime aim of founding a permanent museum where the best examples of British cartoon art — satirical and political, caricature, humorous illustrations, advertisements, comic strips and even animated films — could be conserved and displayed.

The National Museum of Cartoon Art's first exhibition, *Mirth of a Nation!*, will be opened in London next week by Kenneth Baker, the politician-presenter of *From Walpole's Bottom to Major's Underpants*, a two-part BBC2 documentary on political cartoons. The first part was shown last Tuesday; the second will be screened this Tuesday.

Mr Heneage has been building up his own personal collection and private gallery at his house in Somerset for the past 20 years. His collection, which contains more than 5,000 items, includes original drawings by just about every major (and many minor) British cartoonist since the generally accepted beginnings of the art form (1730 — the heyday of Hogarth) to the present day. He also collects cartoon books, prints and any magazines with cartoons, including original issues of *Punch* from No. 3 onwards.

"Original drawings by Hogarth and Gillray are, of course, rare," Mr Heneage says. "Prints are much easier, of course — but the other great 18th-century cartoonist, Thomas Rowlandson, produced thousands of drawings, which can still be bought for between £1,000 and £10,000."

Mr Heneage does not go for political cartoons ("The old jokes take so long to *explain*") but prefers social satire. "*Punch* dominated the 19th century — the editor, Mark Lemon, put it about that if you didn't draw for *Punch*, then, quite simply, you were nobody — but Beerbohm never did, and nor did Edward Lear."

Lear is the one artist that Mr Heneage's collection lacks. "Simply because I can't afford him," he explains. "But I think he was an absolute master." Mr Heneage rates all the Cruikshanks (there were five, the greatest being George — illustrator of *Oliver Twist*), Charles Keene, John Leech, Linley Sambourne and the little-known Matt Morgan. A Leech original may be bought for as little as £200 (more than £1,000 coloured) and even Tenniel's sketches fetch only £100 to £150, although if the sketch relates to *Alice in Wonderland*, be prepared to pay tens of thousands of pounds.

Of the 19th-century cartoonists, Mr Heneage thinks the most underrated are Theodore Lane, Lewis Marks and William Heath — none of whom cost more than £50.

It is when we reach the 20th century that contemporary interest — and Mr Heneage's collection — really hit their stride. "My absolute favourite is Heath Robinson," he says. "I have a few examples — the most I ever paid was £6,500, but the auction record is £22,000." Another big-name favourite is Bateman (anything between £250 and £2,000 — but £3,500 if it is one of the "The Man Who ..." series). Ronald Searle is hugely collected — his fine, intricate coloured work can fetch £5,000 plus, but collectors do not rate highly his earliest St Trinian's work.

Mr Heneage places Roland Emett (£1,500-£3,500) and Giles in the very first rank — he has two original Giles cartoons, but collectors are often frustrated because, although Giles occasionally donates a drawing to a charity, he refuses to sell his work: hence the price of about £3,000. Mr Heneage thinks Michael ffolkes the "sexiest" cartoonist — all those Rubenesque lovelies, no doubt, at between £150 and £1,000 — and he has a lot of time for Martin Honeysett, Bill Tidy, Larry, McLachlan, Osbert Lancaster and Matt — each available at between £100 and £300.

Shops devoted to selling originals tend to founder: the latest to go is Mel Calman's Cartoon Gallery in Museum Street, central London, where some of the most reasonably priced contemporary drawings were to be found ("I'm not a dealer," Mel used to say, "I'm a philanthropist").

The pioneer who now has a virtual monopoly is the much-respected Chris Beetles — his gallery's catalogues for the annual *The Illustrators* exhibition have become textbooks. At any one time, he holds 10,000 original works by more than 50 cartoonists.

Mr Beetles agrees with Mr Heneage's choice of greats, and would add Thelwell ("a lot on the market — £500 to £1,500"), John Jensen (£250-£850) and Peter Brookes of *The Times* (£250-£500). Most collectors are seeking the marriage of a good drawing to a funny line, and therefore any selection is extremely subjective — the cartoonists that make Mr Beetles laugh are Steve Wright (of *Private Eye*'s "101 Uses for a John Major"), Bill Tidy and Matt, but he finds Ralph Steadman and Gerald Scarfe the most exciting. Scarfe is the most expensive of all the contemporaries — he prices his work at between £2,000 and £6,000, but there is a ready market.

Some of Mr Beetles' customers are themselves cartoonists, who buy each other's work.

Apart from Beetles's catalogues, there are few reference works — but two long-awaited books are published this month, one of them co-authored by Simon Heneage.

Nothing beats viewing the originals, however — they always seem to have more animation than the printed versions — and the Cartoon Art Trust is to be praised: now you can actually see the joke.

JOSEPH CONNOLLY

Where to find cartoon art

☐ ***Mirth of a Nation!*** is at the National Museum of Cartoon Art, 183 Eversholt Street, London NW1 (071-388 4326), from October 4 to December 9, Monday to Friday 12-6pm, Thursday 12-7pm, admission free. Further details of the Cartoon Art Trust from Paul Gravett at the same address and telephone number.

☐ Part two of ***From Walpole's Bottom to Major's Underpants*** can be seen on BBC2, on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

☐ ***The Illustrators*** exhibition runs at Chris Beetles, 8 and 10 Ryder Street, London SW1, from November 27 to December 24 (071-839 7551).

☐ ***Dictionary of British Cartoonists and Caricaturists 1730-1980***, compiled by Mark Bryant and Simon Heneage, is published by Scolar Press on October 4 at £29.50. ***Dictionary of 20th-Century Book Illustrators*** by Alan Horne is published by the Antique Collectors Club on October 14 at £39.50.

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☐ Sir Edward Paolozzi, Sir Anthony Caro and John Bellany are among artists who have donated works for the Faure-Alderson Romanian Appeal. Viewing starts at **Bonhams** tomorrow and the works go under the hammer on Monday evening. Funds go to Romanian orphans.

☐ The works of James McNeill Whistler (1834-1903) feature in several exhibitions this month. On Tuesday the **Fine Art Society** exhibits etchings recalling the society's decision to send the artist on a commission to Venice in 1879, despite his bankruptcy. Whistler returned with some of his greatest works (prices range from £1,000 to £60,000). On Wednesday, the **Michael Parkin Gallery** unveils portraits of Whistler by his contemporaries (£500 to £10,000).

☐ John Gould, the 19th-century ornithologist-illustrator, is famous for his great series of books on birds. On Tuesday, **Christie's** scores a coup when it offers for sale dozens of original watercolours for Gould's *The Birds of Great Britain*. A great black woodpecker is estimated at £5,000 to £7,000; a goldfinch at £4,000-£6,000.

☐ **Phillip's** will hold its first sale of rugby memorabilia on Wednesday. An assortment of turn-of-the-century caps are estimated at £40-£50; a Welsh jersey from the 1926 Wales-Scotland match at £100 to £150.

☐ Don't plan on decorating a bedroom cheaply with a purchase from **Christie's South Kensington's** 19th and 20th-century poster sale on Thursday. These stylish posters, many from the 1930s, are likely to cost £200 to £8,000.

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☐ Edwin, a threadbare teddy bear that survived the Battle of the Somme, became a £4,715 gift at **Phillips** for a four-year-old. Mary Hall, of Jersey, wanted to treat Rosebud, her granddaughter.

☐ To judge from the prices for one-armed bandits, vending machines and mechanical-music machines at **Sotheby's New York**, penny-arcade machines really do make owners a fortune. A Wurlitzer organ fetched $63,000 (about £42,000), while a turn-of-the-century "Standard Grip Testing Machine" — with a figure whose tongue shoots out according to the strength of the player — made $107,000 (about £71,000), ten times estimate.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

● Bonhams, Montpelier Street, London SW7 (071-393 3900); Christie's, 8 King Street, St James's, London SW1 (071-839 9060); Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (071-581 7611); Faure-Alderson Romanian Appeal, 110 High Street, Hampton, (081-979 2386); Fine Art Society, 148 New Bond Street, London W1 (071-629 5116); Michael Parkin Fine Art, 11 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (071-235 8144); Phillips, 101 New Bond Street, London W1 (071-629 6602).

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Still living in a blue heaven

George Plumptre, The Times Gardener, on the progress of his plants through the summer

October is the watershed month in the garden. As one flowering season draws to a close, preparations for the next are beginning. This year the warm, damp September weather has brought welcome relief after the previous dry weeks. In my garden it means that the group of plants I put in to flower into September have thrived and established themselves. The *Cosmos atrosanguineus* have a new flush of deep purple flowers, while the stems of *Salvia uliginosa* are now over 5ft tall, and I watch them gently waving in the breeze through my office window.

Looking ahead, the weather has softened the soil and given it an easily workable condition which should ease the late-autumn jobs of digging, lifting and splitting plants, and putting in new ones.

My garden is young — this is our third summer — and I am still experimenting with different plants and their groupings. In the main garden the biggest problem is the border in front of the west boundary brick wall. The new edge that I gave the border in the spring has provided better shape, and through early summer, the combination of aquilegias, hardy geraniums, peonies and plants such as the white variety of bleeding heart, *Dicentra spectabilis alba*, worked well. But from then on, the blocks of peony foliage smothered small plants that should flower later, such as the *Clematis drummondii* 'Duchess of Albany', which I hoped would climb my wooden pyramid.

At the same time, the tree peony towards one end of the border mushroomed to a size out of proportion with the space available and with the other plants. Finally, the day lilies that I lifted and divided in the hope of encouraging more profuse flowering did not improve. This is probably because they are old plants that had been undisturbed for too many years.

Therefore, this winter I will remove the tree peony and restrict the smaller, herbaceous ones to a group at one end of the border. I will lift the perennials, except those such as the dicentra and the aquilegias, and I will dig the rest of the ground well. Leaving it dug will help to combat persistent weeds.

My plan for the border along the front of the house did not succeed. The cold, wet May and early June held back the half-hardy argyranthemums that should have been the main feature. This was no doubt aggravated by the shade from the cherry tree.

The evergreen shrubs that the border contains, such as *Ceanothus* 'A.T.Johnson' and *Osmanthus delavayi* will have filled out by next year and I plan to maximise an early summer display of tulips.

Among the successes, my favourite new plant has been *Semiaquilegia ecalcarata*. I planted it in a terracotta pot and it made a wonderful surround for a *Deutzia x rosea*. From late-April until well into June the trailing stems produced small bell-shaped mauve flowers, which made a good mixture with the pinky-white deutzia flowers. I have just moved the three semiaquilegia plants to near the front of my oval border.

This border has improved through this year. The shrub roses that I have retained are now mixed with a variety of shorter plants such as cistus and hardy geraniums and, particularly successful, *Lupinus chamissonis*. This is a low-growing lupin which is established after two years and has made a broad clump some three feet across. It was covered with mauve-blue flowers for many weeks in the summer.

The selection of plants in this oval border has provided something in flower for successive months, continuing at the moment with two particular highlights. On one side the shrub, *Caryopteris* x *clandonensis* 'Heavenly Blue' has grown to an elegant rounded dome and is still covered with mauve-blue flowers, nearly two months after it began producing them.

ALAN WELLER



The caryopteris is still covered with flowers, two months after it began producing them

Beside the caryopteris is the *Solanum jasminoides* 'Album', which has climbed to the top of its trellis pillar, and the stems now spray out of the top with clusters of white flowers at their ends, just as I hoped. The flowers should continue until the first frosts when I will protect the plant with green gauze-netting. Amidst frustrations and disappointments, it is satisfying to end with a plant that has, for three months, performed as planned.

WEEKEND TIPS

- *If you grow colchicums — autumn crocus — be careful to keep them free of slugs which have thrived in the damp weather.*
- *Make sure you have ordered clematis for planting in late October and November. They should be planted deep, with the first pair of buds covered by earth.*
- *Give lavender bushes a light trim now to tidy, but leave their main cut until the spring.*
- *Make sure that you have cleaned off any shading sprayed onto greenhouse windows in summer, as you now need maximum light*

GARDEN ANSWERS



STEPHEN ANDERTON
replies to readers' letters

Q I was given an oleander cutting three years ago, and it now flowers well in a pot outside. But at 5ft high it is getting too big to bring indoors in the winter. Might it survive in a warm spot outdoors? — L. Jackson, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

A If your oleander is going to survive outdoors, it would stand a better chance planted out in the ground than in a pot where its roots can be frozen. Oleanders are best kept above 45F in winter, but they will survive lower temperatures as long as they are above freezing. I would prune your plant in spring to keep it bushy, and not let it get above 4ft-5ft high. Then you can overwinter it in a frost-free garage, keeping it just moist. Oleanders will overwinter with surprisingly little light.

Q I have two oleanders and invariably they both produce flower buds which show a glimmer of colour before shrivelling and dropping off. Both are in pots and overwintered in a greenhouse. — The Rev Peter Wynekus, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

A Plenty of water and plenty of heat are the keys to successful flowering. Move them to a really hot corner with plenty of reflected heat from a wall. You may find that the buds nearest the heat of the wall will open properly even when others fail.

Q Two years ago I bought a plant of *Geranium maderense* from a Cornish garden. I have potted it twice, and it is now in a 15in pot. It has lovely ferny leaves and is fully 45in tall. It is getting rather large to bring into the conservatory for the winter. Is it worth keeping, and when might it flower? — Pauline Bryant, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

A With regular potting on, this fabulous tender geranium should come to flowering in a couple of years. In mild gardens, where it can be grown outdoors, it will flower sooner. If the plant becomes pot bound during its development, it can delay flowering. Coming from Madeira, it grows in winter and rests through a dry summer. Under glass here it comes into flower in early spring. Bring in your monster for another winter and hope that next year will be its big moment. From the base of the trunk to the tip of the flowers you may expect a height of up to 5ft. After that it usually dies, and you must start again from seed. But it is worth the effort.

Q My family in Canada love the apple variety 'Raeburn' and would like to grow it from a pip. How should the pips be harvested, and will the tree be self-fertile or need a mate? — Mrs J. Dennison, Reigate, Surrey.

A Sorry, but the only way truly to propagate any selected variety of any plant is to produce cuttings. Seedling progeny will simply not be the same genetic material. Fruit trees grown from pips stand as good a chance of being useless as they do of inheriting their parents' better characteristics. Their mating preferences will be a mystery until vegetable puberty is reached. The best way to get a named variety of apple is to buy a tree. 'Raeburn' does not appear in *The Plant Finder*. Could it be 'Braeburn', available from Keepers Nursery at East Malling in Kent (0622 813008)?

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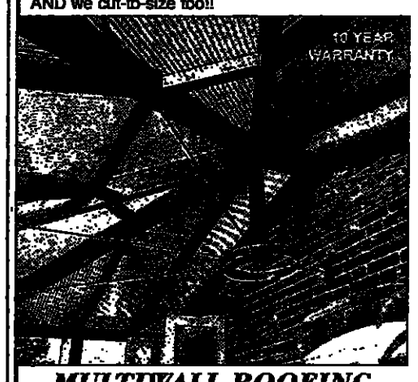
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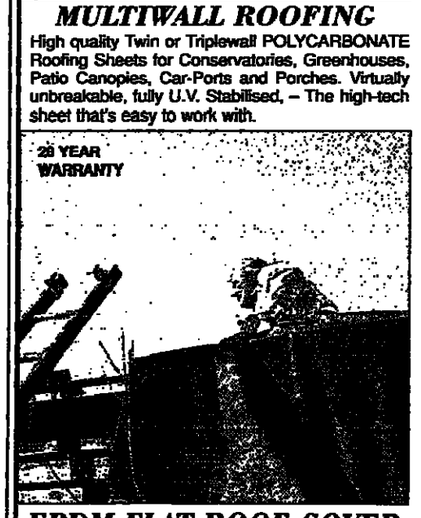
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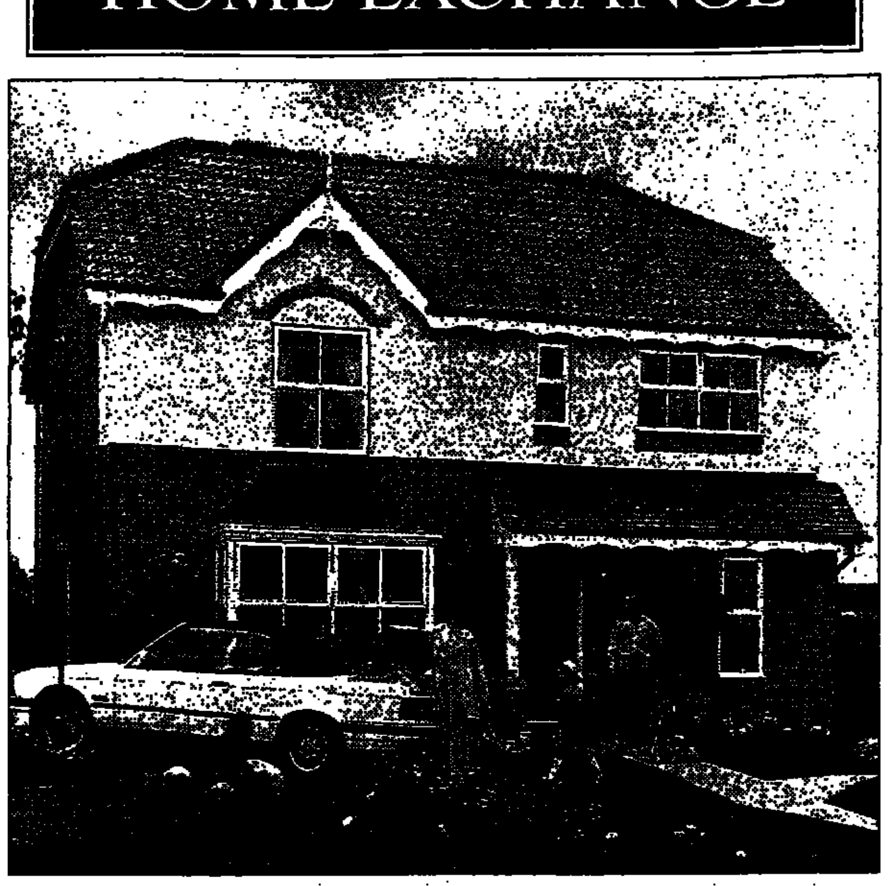
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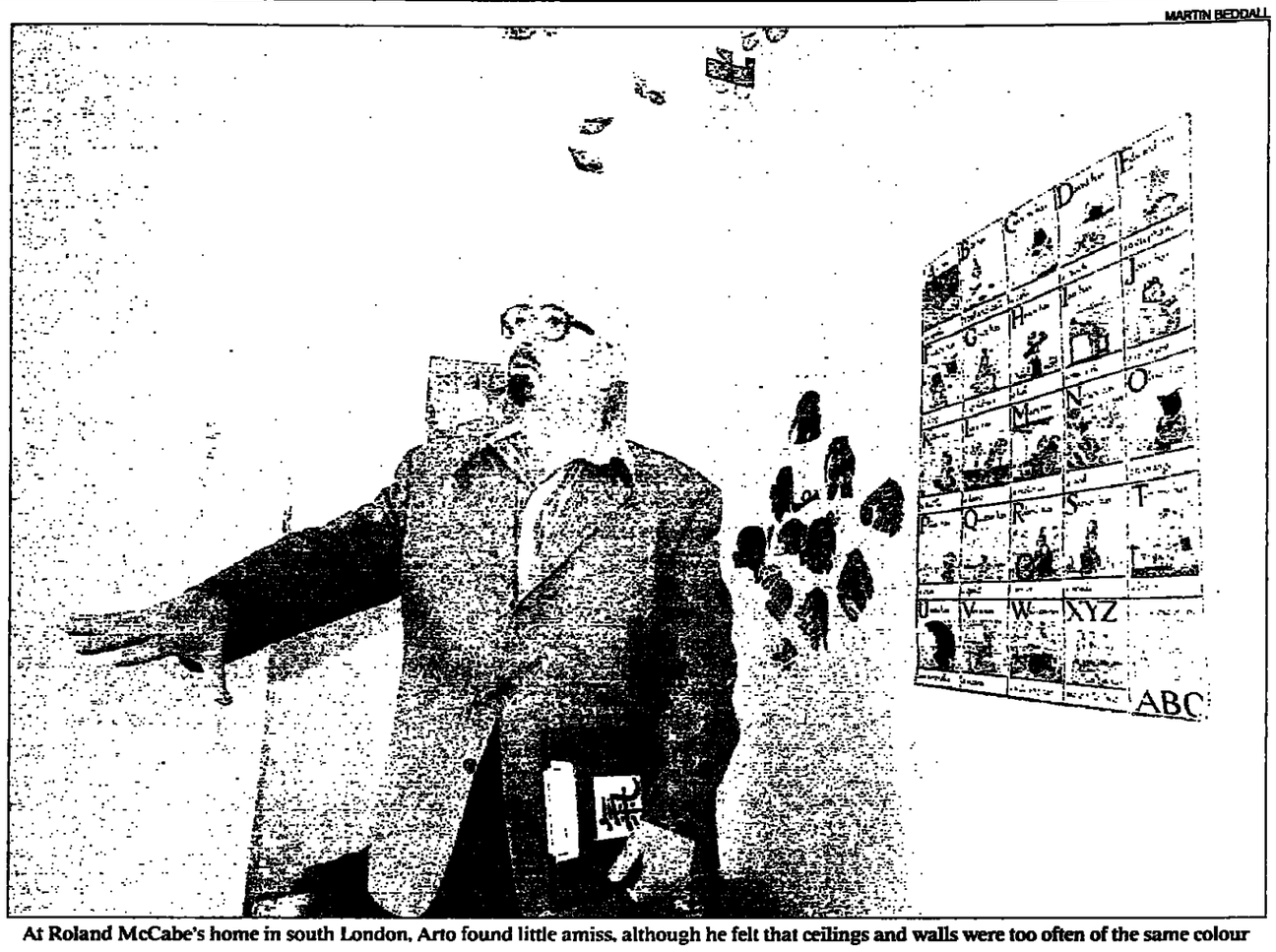
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MARTIN BEDDALL



At Roland McCabe's home in south London, Arto found little amiss, although he felt that ceilings and walls were too often of the same colour

Do you sleep with your head beneath a beam? If so, don't. It could give you migraine. And what if the beam is further along the ceiling, say above your stomach? It's bad. Ulcers.

When you open the door of your living room to an angle of 90 degrees to the wall, can you see at least 80 per cent of the interior? Well, you should be able to. If not, re-hang it. And then there's the small matter of your front door. Coming down the stairs, is it facing you? It shouldn't. Place a large, rectangular mirror on the inside of the door so that you can see youself descending.

Feng Shui and the art of furniture placement is doing a roaring trade in Britain. Long considered integral to architecture and interior design in the East, this ancient Chinese practice, which seeks to divert geological currents and geopathic stresses in the interests of harmony, is now being applied by builders to hotels, office blocks and housing.

In Hong Kong, where it is both a branch of natural philosophy and an adjunct to religion, no one would dream of renting a flat or buying a house before it had been surveyed by a Feng Shui practitioner. Everything, from the direction in which the house faces — preferably with its front door facing south — to the positioning of beds and sofas, even the colour of the kitchen ceiling, is regulated by a shaman of Shui, who has similar status to a financial consultant or hospital surgeon.

Here, ignorance is compounded by Western scepticism. It is difficult for a bank manager or an engineer to believe that the position of his child's desk (ideally facing away from the wall, with the door to one side and the window to the other) can mean the difference between a B and an A in a GCSE.

> The Chinese practice of Feng Shui aims to restore harmony to the home — a sort of 'acupuncture for the environment'

Arto ("just call me Arto"), a 58-year-old Cypriot of Armenian descent, acknowledged as one of the leading Feng Shui specialists in this country, understands British reticence. At the same time, he sees great potential here and is engaged in lectures, workshops and correspondence courses — all aimed at spreading the word and creating a body of qualified practitioners.

He argues that the British, beneath their fabled reserve, remain a mystical people. In many parts of the country, he says, locals will not build on a plot unless sheep are willing to graze on it, believing that bad currents from deep beneath the earth's surface can be picked up by the animals. He also points to a persistent belief in ghosts.

Arto, a Buddhist lama, who first came to England in 1958 and has also lived in Spain, India and Tibet, does not promote Feng Shui as a branch of the supernatural, simply as a means of affecting interaction between the physical and non-physical worlds, both of which are governed by elementary laws.

"Chinese Feng Shui is very superstitious," he says. "The Chinese won't live in a house with a four in the number, because the Chinese character for "4" is the same as for death. But it doesn't have to be that way. I prefer to regard it as a kind of acupuncture for the environment — diverting physical energies in the way that acupuncture diverts bodily energies.

"It is not always suitable. You need to know what Feng Shui can do and what it can't do. Problems can be karmic in nature, or they can just be unfixable. I told one Indian shopkeeper in Crawley recently that all he could do if he wanted to make money was to sell up his shop and get out. Everything was wrong and he would have bankrupted himself trying to put it right.

"It can be the same with ghosts. In one house I went to, I refused to exorcise the ghost of a dead child because her twin, now elderly, was still alive and living in Australia and could have been harmed by the exorcism."

Visiting the south London home of Roland McCabe, a musician now training to be a teacher, and his partner, Betty Harris, Arto seems vaguely disappointed to discover that not much is amiss. He is unhappy about Mr McCabe's upstairs study, which has a sloping ceiling and would evidently be better used as a junk room, but otherwise confines most of his comments to the decor and doors.

Most of the McCabe doors open the "wrong" way and therefore interrupt the passage of the "chi" (life force). His young son's desk faces the wall. His front door faces the stairs. Ceilings and walls are too often of the same colour, without an intervening strip, perhaps of cobalt yellow, "separating the earth from the sky". He does not have two flutes hung from an arch between two rooms; nor does he have chimes in the hallway.

But there is not too much that is wrong. The living room is sympathetically organised, and the couple's bedroom is excellent, with the window to one side of the bed and the door at the other. Arto disapproves of a small, round mirror in one corner. Mirrors, he says, are to be avoided in bedrooms, which should be equipped only for sleeping and sex. But the "feel" of the room satisfies the Master and suggests a man at peace.

For his part, Mr McCabe is fascinated. He even asks Arto how he might go about receiving instruction. A few days later, however, his scepticism has returned and he says he is unlikely to make any of the changes which Arto lists.

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Will he, though? Arto says that many people — people who have called him in and are prepared to pay £150 for the pleasure — are unconvinced after he leaves but then, gradually, make the necessary adjustments.

Beams, he confesses, remain a problem for the English. They love them in spite of their allegedly malign impact on the body. Fireplaces are another tricky area. Throughout Britain, they are seen as a centrepiece and they entice the family around the flames, away from the "proper" organisation of a room.

After 42 years as a Buddhist, and so reverential of life that he will not even display cut flowers, Arto takes Feng Shui seriously. He wants people to believe in his arcane art and to be guided by its precepts to a more fulfilled existence.

The signs are that he is making inroads. Builders call him in to advise on hotels, office blocks and domestic housing. Home-buyers make appointments to have intended purchases checked out. Existing owners seek his help in making their dwellings more responsive to what are perceived as the earth's natural energies. It takes him a day to survey an average home but a hotel might take several.

It may make no obvious sense to those who believe only in the here and now. Arto, for his part, only smiles. As a man who believes he may be reincarnated as a thousand grains of pollen blown across a hundred gardens, the here and now is here today and gone tomorrow.

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Thursday is Britain's first National Poetry Day, when you will get a poem with your pint and a stanza with your shopping

Now, what rhymes with Euterpe?

Not since Wordsworth's "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" have passions about poetry run so high. Thursday has been declared Britain's first ever National Poetry Day, and for all those who thought that poems were just things in books which did not quite reach the margins, this Dionysian festival of dithyrambs sets out to prove otherwise.

All over the British Isles, poetry will tune her sacred voice. London's National Theatre has a day-long programme of readings. In Birmingham's NEC there will be a "Readathon Live". Cardiff's Royal Hotel hosts "Poems from the Audience" with a live link-up to BBC2's coverage of the Forward Poetry Prizes.

"The whole point of National Poetry Day", says William Sieghart, chairman of Forward Publishing and the enthusiast who initiated the event, "is for people to celebrate poetry in any way they like." The response has been enormous — from Brownie packs competing to write the longest poem to the Cat's Protection League launching its new anthology. Shops will offer service with a spondee and barmaids will pull poems with your pint. Even that mutest of breeds, the home-counties commuter, will be lured into lyricism when pupils of Ashlyns School hand out poems on the Euston line.

"A poetry renaissance has been quietly gathering strength in Britain over the past few years", says Peter Forbes, editor of *Poetry Review*. Though in the 1970s and 1980s the parameters of poetry were largely defined by a small group of Oxford graduates, all sympathetic to an anti-experimental Movement poetic, harking back to Augustan ideals, now in the 1990s poetry seems to be revelling in a renewed vitality. "Because its context is no longer largely academic," James Fenton, Professor of Poetry at Oxford, explains, "poetry is enjoying a new popularity."

"It has become more in touch with people's needs", says Neil Astley of Bloodaxe. Poets such as Carol Ann Duffy and Simon Armitage tackle the problems of modern urban life head on. Others such as Heaney and Muldoon have become increasingly political.

"The most important thing is that people are beginning to recognise that poetry is directly relevant to their lives", says Sieghart. "If nothing else I would like to think that people will turn over in bed when the alarm clock rings on Thursday and compare their beloved to a summer's day."

RACHEL CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Beowulf, the Bard and a bouncing buffalo

Brian Alderson makes his selection of the best of the publishers' fare for the younger reader



● **Plum Tree Cottage — A Doll's House Story**, by Elaine Mills *(Heinemann, £8.99)*: Wooden doll Peggy lives homeless in the forest. When winter comes, she seeks lodgings in two fine, but inhospitable houses, only to be dispatched to an empty cottage down the lane, and here she lives happily with a visiting rabbit. The charm of this warm, comfy book is enhanced by three fold-out pages in which Elaine Mills pictures with great relish the complete interiors of the mansion, the manor and the cottage.

● **Bouncing Buffalo**, by Posy Simmonds *(Cape, £8.99)*: He was really only a stuffed buffalo head in an antique shop. But when next-door restaurateur tries a takeover, he comes to the aid of Jack and Polly, along with sundry stuffed bears and foxes and an animated tiger-skin rug. Tintin and the *bande dessinée* tradition lie behind some of Posy Simmonds's energetic comic strips, but the romp is pure Primrose Hill.

● **Courtney**, by John Burningham *(Cape, £8.99)*: The children want a dog and they get Courtney — old, mongrel, but lovely. What is more, he has a dab paw for cooking, juggling and doing numerous domestic chores. Eventually he leaves — not being a trustworthy thoroughbred — but the chief reason is probably to give the author a way to end his story, which is as inconsequential as his absurdly funny drawings.

● **Silly Stories**, by Andrew Matthews, illustrated by Tony Ross *(Orion, £8.99)*: Not by Andrew Matthews at all. He has simply refurbished in a modern frame some of the old noodle tales from *The Wise Men of Gotham* and other sources. They are good enough, however, to survive such treatment.

● **Beowulf**, by Robert Nye *(Orion, £9.99)*: A welcome new edition of this 20th-century interpretation, made for children as "a living thing". The fragmentary legends are shaped into a coherent sequence, with intrusive comment at a minimum — and Robert Nye's graphic prose (the bats "with wings like coffin-lids", the "dark veins of blood" in Grendel's pool) illustrates itself.

● **Shakespeare Stories II**, by Leon Garfield, illustrated by Michael Foreman *(Gollancz, £14.99)*: Nine stories here join the 12 of volume one. The method is similar: language as far as possible within the Shakespearean concordance, direct quotes where anything else would be ridiculous, and an attempt to catch the immediacy of the drama. This works quite well for the plays with a big forward drive to the narrative, such as *Richard III*, but Garfield has problems with the rich contrivances of *Much Ado* and its kind, and with the complex duplicities of *Measure for Measure*.

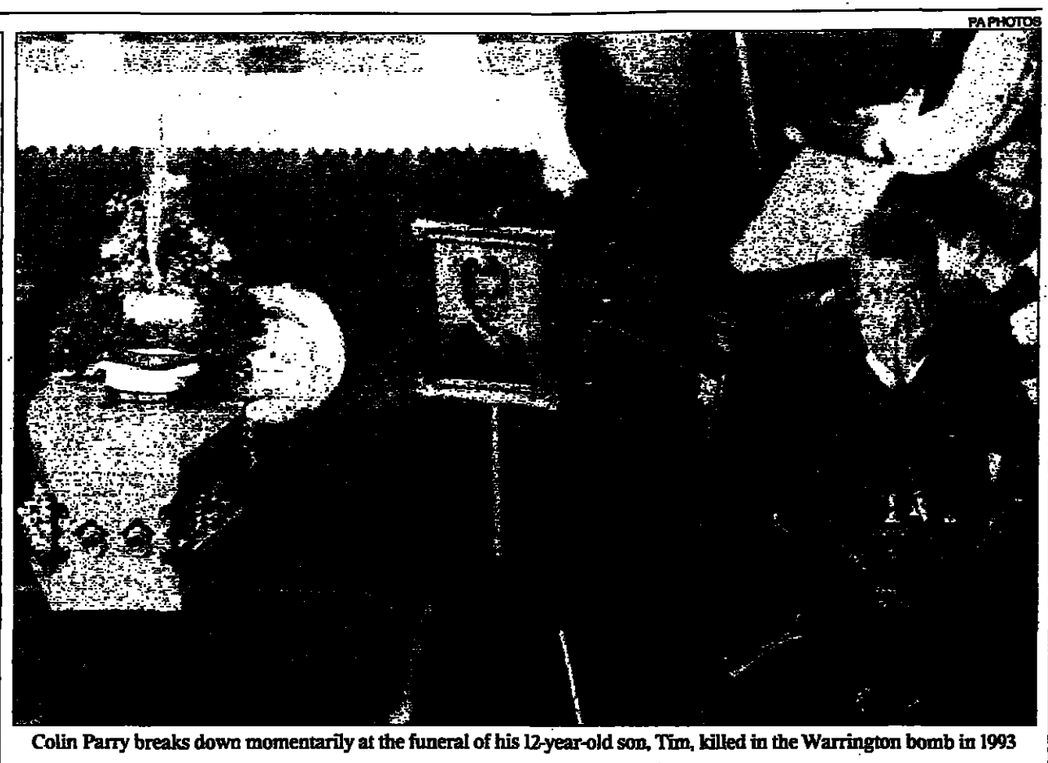
● ***The Face at the Window***, *by Vivien Alcock (Methuen, £9.99)*: Not, as it fleetingly seemed, a ghost at the window, but the face of a young illegal immigrant who had been smuggled out of Heathrow during a demonstration. The story of his hiding, his discovery, and his subsequent acceptance for fostering is conventional enough, but gains a piquancy through the multiple clashes of personalities among the suburban souls who try to help him.



● **MapHead**, by Lesley Howarth *(Walker Books, £8.99)*: A puzzle-book for older readers. Where do MapHead and his father, Powers, come from? Of what use is his gift for causing maps of every scale to materialise on his features? He has arrived in Rubytown in search of his mother, but — when the the quest has been accomplished — what will he do? You must work all that out for yourself. Lesley Howarth's gift is to let you try, and to give you a Rubytown steeped in ordinariness as the background to her sometimes exotic fancy.

● **Baby**, by Patricia MacLachlan *(Julia MacRae, £7.99)*: MacLachlan is mistress of the fictional vignette. In her recent tale of prairie drought, *Skylark* (Lions paperback, £2.99), Papa writes letters "full of things between the lines", and that goes for the author, too. *Baby* is simply the story of a child left for a year to be brought up by a family on an island somewhere off the coast of New England, but MacLachlan is able, between the lines of the story, to convey a powerful message about family integrity, growth and loss.

PA PHOTOS



Colin Parry breaks down momentarily at the funeral of his 12-year-old son, Tim, killed in the Warrington bomb in 1993

Our tears for Tim

When the IRA murdered Tim Parry, his parents' grief spoke for us all

■ TIM — AN ORDINARY BOY
By Colin and Wendy Parry
Hodder & Stoughton, £14.99

WHEN Tim Parry died, five days after the Warrington bomb, the 12-year-old's father and mother walked from his hospital bedside into a press conference. Colin Parry spoke, mainly uninterrupted, and found afterwards that countless people "including so-called hardened journalists" said that they were moved to tears. But then, as he adds in an unusually dry tone: "If describing the unjust and totally unexpected death of your son through terrorism is not a moving experience, then God help us all."

And that's it, really. There is no point in approaching a book like this in any reviewerly spirit: if you cannot weep for bright Tim Parry, blasted away by an IRA bomb on his way to buy some Neville Southall goalie shorts, there is not much hope for you. If you do not gulp a little when you hear that his father went out later to buy them for the boy to be buried in, you are probably not a parent; and possibly not very nice.

So how on earth, in the face of raw — almost unfair — emotion, does a reader approach this unnerving book? For this is not just a personal outpouring and a memory of a child. Much of it is Colin Parry's account of how he and his family grieved their first year in the full media spotlight. In the struggle to make sense of Tim's loss they became embroiled with reporters and royalty, with Kilroy and *Panorama*, with presidents and prime ministers. It is the story of how rapidly and willingly a Liverpool personnel manager converted his shock, and let himself be used as a voice for ordinary outrage on both sides of the Irish Sea.

Parry himself found his behaviour strange at times: he used reporters and cameras as therapists and comforters. When friends were shy of talking about his son, "slowly I came to realize that the media, with its constant high level of interest, was providing me with that outlet. It was to become my safety valve."

Well, it's a use for us. And incidentally a stark insight into who, in public life, is any good to meet when you are in grief. The Princess of Wales genuinely comforted them, likewise Brian Redhead and the Duchess of Kent. But not John Major nor John Smith (who both talked too much and didn't listen), nor the Duke of Edinburgh.

Wendy Parry's voice is muted in all this: her role was in the background, talking privately with him and revising every word. She shrinks from the limelight her husband makes emotional use of. "Wendy", admits Parry in another disarming sentence, "would never have chosen to have the press and television people camped in our lives, but she knew the platform they provided for telling people about Tim was desperately important to me." She must be a remarkable woman.

The miracle is that the Warrington deaths may have marked the final turning-point in Ulster's long fever. If so, Tim Parry's name will go down in history. Which is what his father would most want.

LIBBY PURVES

Doctor, my spine needs chilling

■ THE BODY FARM
By Patricia D. Cornwell
Little Brown, £14.99

THE body of an 11-year-old girl has been found in a small, quiet religious town in North Carolina, her horrifying injuries resembling those of a young boy killed in Richmond, Virginia, two years before. The assumption is that a serial killer has returned.

Dr Kay Scarpetta, Richmond's chief medical examiner, is called in to assist. She is not convinced the killer is the same, her doubts reinforced by the bizarre death by hanging of one of the investigating policemen and the behaviour of the dead girl's grieving mother. Her inquiry is made the more traumatic by the unstable conduct of her Richmond police colleague and friend Pete Marino, and that of her niece, the computer wizard Lucy, a minor figure in previous novels, now adult and facing sexual and career conflicts which weave dangerously into Scarpetta's attempts to find the killer.

One of Cornwell's many strengths is her portrayal of



Cornwell: perceptive

the minor characters. None of them is thrown away into stereotype. The residents of a town in which doors are rarely locked coming to terms with savage homicide are drawn with perceptive sympathy.

It is, though, Scarpetta who dominates. Each succeeding novel (this is the fifth) finds her more complex, more interesting. Her largely barren emotional life stutters into action in *The Body Farm*, but it is all very hesitant and realistic. Her job still consumes her, but when the subjects of her medical examinations are brutalised children, fear and disgust begin to dilute its attraction.

There can now be little doubt that Cornwell is America's most stimulating and chilling writer of crime fiction. But even she will find it difficult to better *The Body Farm*.

MARCEL BERLINS

Derwent May reviews the critics

5/5 Pleasure ratings are awarded to a maximum of five. Column centimetres indicate the length of reviews to date in national broadsheet newspapers

4/5 Wexford's wits: Ruth Rendell's new thriller, *Simisola* (Hutchinson, £14.99), got an enthusiastic send-off. In an interview in *The Daily Telegraph* she revealed that Chief Inspector Wexford was a Lib Dem, but even that did not put the reviewers off.

In the *Daily Mail*, Val Hennessy said, "You will need all your wits about you to keep up with Wexford." There was also a "crucial sub-text" concerning racism. In *The Times*, Marcel Berlins thought that "Kingsmarkham has become a gloomier, sadder town since the last Wexford novel" but that "as a mystery story, *Simisola* is exceptional". "A supreme example of first-class storytelling," concluded Susanna Yager hyperbolically in *The Sunday Telegraph*.
Col cms: 45

4/5 Lawrence in Love: Brenda Maddox's new biography of D.H. Lawrence, *The Married Man* (Sinclair-Stevenson, £20), puts his relationship with his wife Frieda at the centre of the story. In *The Independent on Sunday*, Blake Morrison thought Maddox was "over-hasty in giving us what the blurb calls 'a D.H. Lawrence for the 1990s' — that red-bearded Robin Cook lookalike who stands accused of racism, misogyny and homosexuality".

But Allan Massie in *The Daily Telegraph* thought the book was "utterly enthralling", and that "Maddox's examination of such questions as whether Lawrence really hated women or was truly homosexual is perceptive, even if the answer has to be 'yes and no' in both cases".

Lorna Sage said in *The Observer* that Maddox had presented Lawrence "as a more varied, less lugubrious figure than the hot-eyed Priest of Love"; while Elaine Feinstein in *The Sunday Times* wrote that "Maddox argues cogently and most courageously" that some of Lawrence's problems with Frieda "were solved by his discovery of the anus as an erogenous zone away from the viperish vagina". Snakes alive!
Col cms: 434

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Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, insists that politicians are not obsessed with skulduggery

You stab my back, I'll stab yours

THE Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary cannot abide each other. The Prime Minister at every turn humiliates the Foreign Secretary in Cabinet and tries to undermine the Foreign Office by surreptitious briefing. (Tim Renton claims that any resemblance to real people is accidental.)

The two men tangle in particular over a dangerous plan for the RAF to force down a Libyan aircraft which may or may not be carrying to Tripoli two British aid workers kidnapped in Beirut. Caught at the centre of the political intrigue is Jock, the minister of state at the Foreign Office. Jock owes loyalty to both men and is urged by each to betray the other.

There are several telling scenes in the House of Commons, a dramatic tied vote in Cabinet, and a fine assertion of her hidden prerogative by the Queen — nothing accidental here about resemblance to a real person, but I doubt if Her Majesty will take offence.

The only portrait in the Cabinet Room is of Sir Robert Walpole not

■ THE DANGEROUS EDGE
By Tim Renton
Hutchinson, £14.99

George III. I can spot no other slips. Renton served as Chief Whip, and he gets the externals right. He served as minister of state at the Foreign Office, and his portraits of the ambassador, the military attaché and the private secretary are shrewd and entertaining.

The spice of sex comes with the lures of Jock's ambitious wife and (less usual) the Prime Minister's hand on Jock's knee. Only an insider could produce Whitehall dialogue and Whitehall documents which sound so authentic. Nobody interested in the British political scene will be bored by *The Dangerous Edge*.

And yet, and yet . . . it is not quite right. I felt vainly for the cause of dissatisfaction, then found that it was familiar. Ten years ago, writing a novel about the same office, I made the same mistake. Politicians writing political novels (for example, Alan Clark in his recent work) seek to



Renton: gets the externals right

entertain. We are conscious that ours is mostly a flat plain of a profession. The peaks of excitement come few and far between. But that won't do for selling novels, or indeed newspapers. Hence the impulse to caricature and exaggerate. Hence the emphasis on skulduggery and conspiracy.

In Britain, more than anywhere else in Europe, political commentators let themselves drift into fantasy for fear of being dull. They blow up into melodrama the humdrum processes of Whitehall. Under the same impulse, Tim Renton imagines a Prime Minister and a Foreign Secretary subordinating the lives of British servicemen to their personal manoeuvres against each other.

Many people will say, "Of course, politicians do this sort of thing all the time". Well, they do not. That is the boring fact. I know they do not. I have never known a Prime Minister or a Foreign Secretary who would speak or act in a crisis as the two of them do in *The Dangerous Edge*. The framework and the externals are dead right. The spirit is wrong.

Not, I suppose, that it matters much. Political life, like espionage, has built its own myths over the centuries, and by now they are indestructible. Perpetual conspiracy is the fundamental myth of politics. Politicians do not actually spend much time conspiring, but work hour after hour guarding against the imagined conspiracies of others. Most of this time is wasted. Though their own actions are different, they come to believe the journalists' and novelists' accounts about what others are up to. There are plenty of small folk to scurry about enlarging each trifle into malice and drama.

This review is written under the Scottish roof of one of my colleagues in government. Last night, with a third minister and agreeable fellow guests, we discussed the prospects of the Government. But there are no conspiracies to record. We talked, I fear, of the National Health Service and local government reform. One of our number broke away to cope with his paperwork.

A transcript of our evening would sell no novel and fill no cynical diary. So, since there have to be novels and diaries, there have also to be myths. The mistake is to pontificate as if the myths were true. The truth of politics lay less with our talk over the port last night than with the neat piles of work in the red boxes, patiently waiting in the hall.

NEW IN PAPERBACK



Anchee Min: survivor of Mao's reign of terror

■ RED AZALEA
By Anchee Min
Gollancz, £5.99
Following the success of Jung Chang's *Wild Swans*, memoirs by beautiful Chinese women who lived through Mao's long reign of terror have become suddenly fashionable. Certainly Min is very beautiful, but her book, though entertaining, lacks the gravitas and philosophical rigour of Chang's compelling study. Its focus is also narrower, concentrating principally on the astonishing years of the Cultural Revolution. Still, her story is worth telling.

Born in 1957, she was a talented and lively child who relished the responsibilities bestowed upon her as a junior Red Guard member, hysterically denouncing anyone who aroused her suspicions. She was despatched, aged 17, to work in a labour camp, where her striking appearance led to her being chosen to star in a propagandist film celebrating the life of Mao's wife, Jiang Ching.

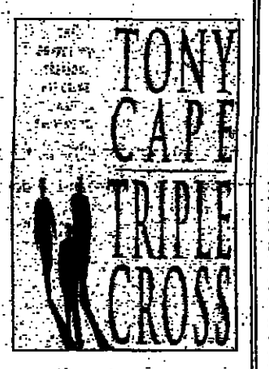
At this time Min's sex life, secretively seductive, was chaotic — there were lesbian affairs and clandestine couplings. Yet her fortunes deteriorated when, in 1976, Mao's death led to the toppling of the ruling oligarchy, the imprisonment of Madam Mao and to the public disgrace of everyone associated with the film of her life. Though shamed, Min was still, mysteriously, allowed to leave for America, where she now lives.

■ THE WAY TO XANADU
By Caroline Alexander *Phoenix, £5.99*
Modern travel writers face some peculiarly modern problems: how, for example, to make one's journey sound epic and hazardous in the days of public transport and *Lonely Planet* guides. Alexander ingeniously sidesteps the issue by making Coleridge — and in particular his opium-induced poem "Kubla Khan" — the inspiration for her wanderings.

She examines the dusty traces of Khubilai Khan's pleasure gardens in Shangdu; takes part in an arduous Hindu pilgrimage in Kashmir for those "caves of ice" (easily the best chapter); and visits Mount Amara in a devastated Ethiopia. That nothing can quite recapture the "symphony and song" of Coleridge's vision still leaves a great deal for the reader to enjoy along the way.



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■ VANESSA BELL
By Frances Spalding *Phoenix, £14.99*
Virginia Woolf often wrote enviously of her deeply-loved sister, the painter Vanessa Bell, "as if her happiness were a million or two in the bank . . . yet . . . free, careless, airy, indifferent". This searching biography of a central but curiously little known Bloomsbury figure reveals an undercurrent of sadness. Always fervently painting, Vanessa was serene anchor in a clutch of unorthodox relationships involving her husband, art critic Clive Bell, his lovers, hers. But Vanessa's deepest feelings were for the homosexual artist Duncan Grant, with whom she lived and painted 46 years, tolerating his male lovers with good but reluctant grace.

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Archbishop Tutu greets Nelson Mandela at the Black Summit in Cape Town in 1990

IT WAS a long, hot, African afternoon. The sun burnt down on the dusty earth with relentless persistence. I trudged up a small hill to a modest bungalow and knocked on the door. A small impish-looking man answered. He listened politely as I introduced myself. His eyes revealed his character. At one moment they shone with the same intensity as the sun which had followed me on my lone journey. At another, they revealed the sorrow and compassion of a people rooted in faith and sustained by hope. This was my first meeting with Desmond Tutu, Bishop of Lesotho and, in his own words, one of "the Rainbow People of God".

In 1978, he moved from the relative calm of his diocese to the politically vulnerable position of secretary of the South African Council of Churches. There were many who questioned the wisdom of such a step. Why should an Anglican bishop move into such a hornets' nest? Was Tutu nothing more than a politician masquerading in a purple stock? Today many people have forgotten the vehemence directed against the World Council of Churches and its offspring in South Africa. Abuse was hurled against the heads of churchmen said to be interfering in politics.



TERRY WAITE

Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury, sent me to South Africa at the height of one particularly nasty battle. The new secretary of the council was proving to be more than a nuisance to the apartheid administration: he was a threat, and threats to the artificially created stability in the republic had to be silenced.

The SACC had been experiencing problems with finances since 1977. Even though the council did not receive public funds, the government appointed its own commission of inquiry into alleged financial irregularities. When the terms of reference were published, it became clear that the whole of the council's work was to be investigated.

It was while attending and giving evidence before this commission that I began to understand the pressures under which Tutu laboured. Every word he uttered was examined. Every step he took was followed. He was an articulate black. Worse, he was an articulate, charismatic black who believed passionately not so much in a cause but in a faith which took for its measure the life and teaching of Christ himself.

We may have to wait a while for Tutu to write his autobiography. Meanwhile, John Allen, media secretary to the archbishop, has collected a selection of his speeches and writings spanning two decades. They begin with a letter to Prime Minister John Vorster, written when apartheid was at its height in 1976. They conclude with a sermon preached in Cape Town in April 1994 — "an incredible week for South Africans".

The opening letter to the Prime Minister gives the reader a picture of Tutu. Respectful, persuasive, emotional, political but above all, a man deeply immersed in his faith.

"I am writing to you, sir, during a three-day clergy retreat in Johannesburg," he writes, "where, in the atmosphere of deep silence, worship and adoration and daily services of the Lord's Supper, we seek to draw closer to our Lord and try to discover what is the will of God for us and what are the promptings and inspirations of God's Holy Spirit. It is during this time that God seemed to move me to write this letter."

He pleads for the people of South Africa, expresses his fear of a blood bath and requests a face-to-face meeting with the Prime Minister. Vorster merely suggested that the white opposition in parliament had put Tutu up to it.

One evening I drove with him through the countryside. Nelson Mandela had been moved from Robben Island to a prison inland. Our application to visit him had been refused. Outside the prison, Tutu stopped the car and we gazed in silence at the fortress. Simply and naturally, he bowed his head and prayed aloud for Mandela and all prisoners. As I sat in the car, I would never have believed that in my lifetime I would be writing "president" and not "prisoner".

President Mandela has written a foreword to this book. He pays his tribute: "Archbishop Tutu will remain an eminent example . . . of peace-loving South Africans. He is an outstanding patriot."

The book concludes with a simple prayer, slightly adapted but universally known:

God bless South Africa
Guard her children
Guide her leaders
And give her peace for
Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen.

Mind how you go on life's highway

■ LIFE AND HOW TO SURVIVE IT
By Robin Skynner and John Cleese
Mandarin, £5.99

SKYNNER and Cleese have become the Socrates and Plato of modern psychiatry. Their voluminous dialogues in their two volumes, *Families and How to Survive Them* and now this one, range broadly, expansively over all of human experience and emotion, asking questions, dispensing wisdom. With subtlety, they use the available research as they go to underpin what they say, making it easy to absorb and without dropping it in as unpalatable slabs.

It takes time to sink into the pattern of their discourse. At first it seems a little arch, but once into their style, they use the vernacular so adeptly, scarcely resorting to the dreadful jargon of Skynner's trade, except deftly here and there to explain it as they go along.

They are plainly two exceedingly nice, sensible and humane beings. There is nothing patronising in their tone. They do not know all the answers, they are not supermen. This is not the kind of *How To* book that makes you want to hurl it into the fireplace after a few pages, nauseated by a know-it-all superciliousness nor with an overly chummy tone. They draw on their own experience for examples, experience of getting things wrong as well as learning how to do some things better.

It opens with a discussion of healthy families, so often overlooked in traditional psychiatry, whose practitioners draw most of their research from the dysfunctional disaster zones of humanity. It spreads out from the personal to the ways people take their personalities and their problems into the workplace and world outside, replicating the same failures, often to grave organisational disadvantage.

But they do have a strong vision of the concept of "mental health", which I have often found a disconcerting notion. It implies a flattening out of human experience, a levelling up and down of emotion, an even keel of content that is not the only thing we admire in the human spirit. What of the manic and insane nature of Cleese's own humour? Cleese gives romantic love, for instance, a very firm thumbs-down. He lists the great love



Cleese: finds little comfort in romantic love

stories, from *Anna Karenina* and *Antony and Cleopatra* to *Brief Encounter*: "All I seem to observe now is how much unhappiness the idealisation of dependence brings. They are tales of almost unmitigated misery." But that is not and cannot be the whole story. Life without the rollercoaster would be a duller, less worthwhile place.

Nonetheless, much kindly and palatable wisdom herein resides.

POLLY TOYNBEE

An evening with Archbishop Tutu

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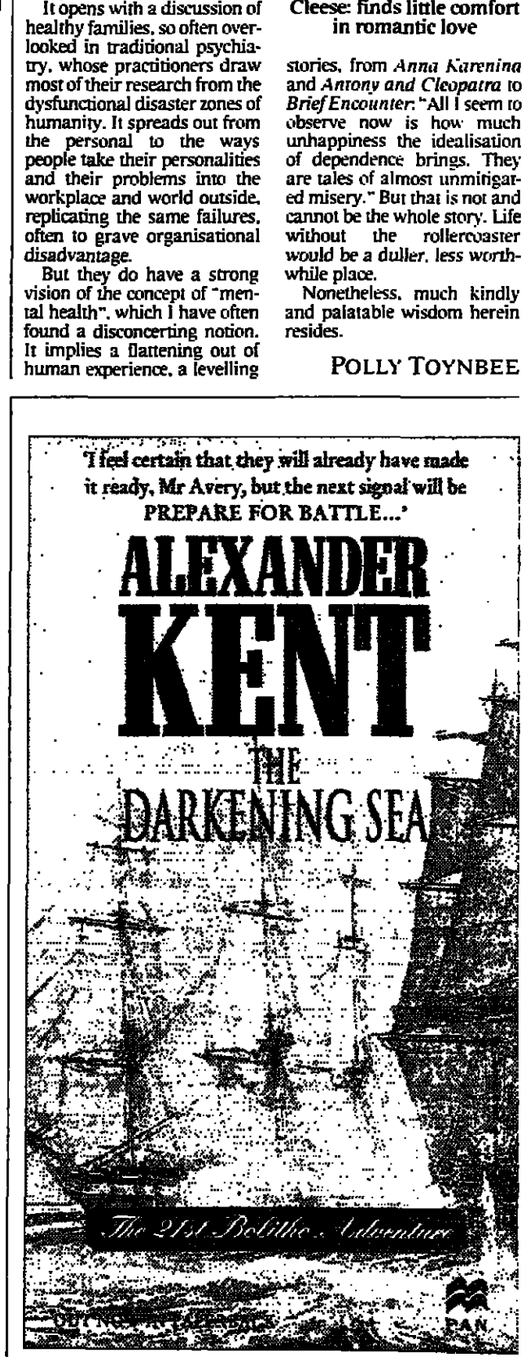
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Big cat among the pigeons

After years in the wilderness, Jaguar is preparing to claw back its share of the luxury market: an impressive new range of XJ saloons will have executives reaching for their cheque books, says Kevin Eason



"Even the most basic XJ model has an interior more comfortable than many living rooms: versions such as the XJ Sport, above, and the 12-cylinder cars are pure indulgence"

Nick Scheele should be the most worried man in the motor industry because he simply cannot afford to fail his masters in the United States.

Ford, the owner of Jaguar, has spent five disastrous years pouring money into the luxury carmaker, but always in the hope that everything would get better once a new range of XJ saloons was launched. The moment of truth came this week — and there was barely a tremor in Mr Scheele's hands.

No wonder, because the XJ saloons are about to put the shine back on the company's tarnished image as one of the world's legendary carmakers.

> "The shape is familiar but the car is all-new"

The new XJ is an impressive, powerful, luxury express that will have executives around the world reaching for their cheque books. The new Jaguar is more beautiful than any Mercedes-Benz, more fun to drive than a BMW and has more cachet than Toyota's Lexus.

If that seems like a sweeping endorsement then there is no hiding my admiration for what Jaguar has done with a range of saloons not only crucial to the company's future but also to Britain's image as a serious manufacturer of high-quality cars.

Sir William Lyons, Jaguar's founder, wrote the script for the XJ series as the definitive English luxury car, all rounded lines and purring engines. But it seemed Jaguar had lost some vital pages a decade ago when it launched the XJ40, the square, inelegant saloon with a reliability record that read like a plot from a Hammer horror movie.

No wonder Ford executives shuddered when they discovered what they had got for their £1.6 billion when they bought Jaguar in 1989. But they have turned Jaguar upside down, throwing out years of insularity to improve efficiency along Ford guidelines and to overtake rivals for reliability.

But all reliability and no excitement is a trait of Japanese and German cars. Jaguar owners demand much more . . . and they get it with the new XJ models.

If Sir William is looking down from the great showroom in the sky, he will have a smile as wide as a Jaguar grille for, even with its American owners, his business has gone back to its roots.

In an age of lookalikes, here is a new car with a shape as distinctive as it is pretty. There is no apology from Mr Scheele if there are echoes of the Series III XJs that were in production up to 1984 and were hailed as the best luxury cars in the world.

"We did not want retro styling but we did want that distinctive Jaguar smoothness," he says. "We think we have managed to combine classic lines with modern styling and something that will stand out from the crowd."

If the shape is familiar, the car, codenamed X300 by Jaguar's designers and engineers during the £200 million development programme, is all new: an agglomeration of 6,000 new components, equivalent to twice the number of parts developed for the Ford Mondeo.

Engineers unashamedly chose the Japanese Lexus as the benchmark car for reliability and quality but wanted to go further to ensure that the new Jaguar offered a driving experience quite different from other cars. The result is the remarkable XJ range, from the £29,000 3.2-litre, to the £60,000 Daimler Double Six, a limousine of sumptuous smoothness.

The prices are aggressive enough to set the Big Cats among opposition pigeons: there are no S-Class Mercedes under £38,000, for example, and the mainstay Lexus LS400 costs nearly £43,000.

There are three model ranges based on the all-new AJ16 3.2 and 4.0-litre straight six-cylinder engines plus Jaguar's traditional V12. But each engine variant gets a sports version with tougher suspension and distinctive trim.

In fact, the basic 3.2-litre XJ6 with manual transmission is as good as an executive car needs to be, with the AJ16 engine working through a perfectly balanced chassis. Roadholding is sports-car confident and the ride smooth and quiet.

Even this most basic model has an interior more comfortable than most living rooms, leaving the impression that the sport versions and the 12-cylinder cars are pure indulgence.

And they are. The Daimler Double Six has an engine of such silky quality that its seems to have been beamed from a factory on another planet, so remote is it from the workaday normality of four-cylinder power.

But there is another revelation: the sports version, badged XJR has a new supercharged 4-litre engine with enough punch to fire the long saloon body from a standing start to 60mph in less than six seconds.

There is nothing in the luxury sector like it and very little else in any class to touch its superlative ride and handling qualities.

> "Jaguar owners demand much more than just reliability"

The supercharger boosts power output in such a way that acceleration is delivered smoothly right from the moment the right foot pushes down on the throttle. Then, the XJR corners with astonishing ease and rides even the bumpiest roads with barely a flicker of discomfort.

I emerged from a tough, 130-mile drive around Scotland in the XJR with the biggest smile on my face in my time as a motoring correspondent — and I was only one of a pack of journalists brimful of admiration.

Mr Scheele took one look at the row of grins and knew then that Jaguar was on the right track back to the future. This is a Jaguar in the best tradition of the Big Cats and ready to line up alongside the classics of the past and the best of the cars of today.



The new Jaguar XJ

XJ6 3.2, £28,950: XJ Sport 3.2 (interior pictured left), £29,950; Sovereign 3.2, £37,950: 216 brake horse power: top speed 138mph (manual), 139mph (automatic): 0 to 60mph 7.9 seconds (man), 8.9 secs (auto); average fuel consumption 26.9 miles to the gallon.

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Land Rover has updated its luxury 4WD world-beater, Kevin Eason says



Four-litre V8: the feel of a well-appointed luxury car rather than of a mud-plugging tank, yet the classic Range Rover style is unmistakable

There is bad news for the world motor industry. The new Range Rover is here ... and it is better than ever. Designers and engineers from Tokyo to Detroit have long admired the vehicle that broke the mould of four-wheel-drive vehicles, taking them out of muddy fields and onto the most fashionable streets around the world.

The Range Rover is the only vehicle to have been exhibited in the Louvre as a work of art. BMW was so impressed that it spent £800 million buying the whole Rover car business when Land Rover was the real target of the prestige Munich car manufacturer.

Japanese imitations have been many but never quite as distinctive and elegant as the Range Rover, even after 24 years in production.

There was one hope for competitors and that was that Land Rover would simply fail in the most daunting task in the motor industry: attempting to follow a legend. There is a long list of new models that were the products of millions of pounds and years of development ... then won all the acclaim of a Sinclair C5.

But the new Range Rover is another legend in the making, a car that will underline Land Rover's place as the manufacturer of the best four-wheel-drive vehicles in the world.

Land Rover faced two problems in re-designing the Range Rover. The series had to have a new look without departing too far from the classic model's styling and it had to have driving characteristics that would resemble those of a Mercedes-Benz rather than of a mud-plugging tank.

The look is unmistakably Range Rover, although pictures give little clue as to how different the new vehicle is. Though longer and taller than the old model, it appears to sit almost at saloon-car height, and the windscreen is more steeply raked and the corners rounded.

Instead of appearing to totter high up on its wheels like most 4WDs, the Range Rover sits purposefully on the road. There is also more headroom, more legroom and 50 per cent more boot space.

Nobody has ever tried to disguise the fact that the closest that most Range Rovers get to off-road driving is parking on the kerb outside a swish restaurant, but John Towers, Rover's chairman, has raised the stakes — the new model, he says, will seek custom among BMW, Mercedes and Jaguar drivers.

"People say the Range Rover has much more capability than most drivers need, but we have to prove that it is the best four-wheel-drive vehicle that money can buy," he says. "It also has to have a driver appeal on ordinary roads that is as good as that of any luxury car."

That compromise has been impossible for most 4WD manufacturers. But a new chassis, front and rear suspension and beam axles have transformed the Range Rover's ride and handling. The old model was famous for "rocking and rolling", swaying through corners so that you thought you were heading for the nearest kerb. But the new vehicle is as easy to drive as any luxury saloon, hugging corners and gripping tightly and in a straight line under heavy braking.

If drivers do risk their paintwork off-road, Range Rover has come up with the cleverest transmission system on the market. Usually, 4WDs have two gear systems: high and low. On most 4WDs, putting the vehicle into low gear to tackle rough terrain means tugging on an awkward second gearshift. In the Range Rover, the five-speed manual transmission has a dashboard push-button changer. The four-speed automatic box has a new H-shaped gate: to move from high to low gear, simply means switching to the opposite leg of the "H".

Five models are on offer, and each has electronic windows, power steering, twin airbags, anti-lock brakes, alarm-immobiliser, electrically heated mirrors, a dashboard warning-message system and electronic air suspension, which can raise the vehicle to clear obstacles and which sinks when parking.

Two petrol variants use redesigned versions of Land Rover's classic V8, a 190bhp 4-litre and the range-topping 225bhp 4.6-litre. And BMW has supplied a 2.5-litre, six-cylinder turbo-diesel which returns almost 30mpg — far better than the 4.6 V8's 19mpg.

Petrol bills are, however, unlikely to be the first concern of drivers able to afford a range that costs from just under £32,000 to £44,000.

The new Range Rovers

4-litre V8: £31,950; 190bhp, 118mph top speed (manual gearbox), 116mph (automatic); 0-60mph in 9.9 seconds (manual), 10.4 sec (automatic); fuel consumption 21.1mpg (manual), 20.3mpg (automatic).

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ONE of Britain's most established fashion designers, Ally Capellino unveils her latest collection at London Fashion Week, which starts on October 7. Ally, alias, Alison Lloyd, took her more unusual professional name, which is Italian for little hat, when she started in the business 14 years ago. Although she is one of the leading innovators on the catwalk, she is the first to admit she is not a trend-setter in the motoring stakes.

How did you first learn to drive?
I learnt with my Dad in an old Mazda estate. Not too many rows. I had a few lessons with a driving school and passed first time ... in plaits and school uniform.

What was your first car?
A 1957 Morris Oxford. They don't make them like they used to.

What car do you drive now and why?
Not very glamorous for a fashion designer — an Audi Coupé. It's not my choice. My partner, Jono, was in the driving seat when *he* chose it, but it is nice to drive.

Do you enjoy driving?
Yes, mostly. Never in heavy traffic.

What is your dream car?
A Navy Jaguar MK2 or an old Mercedes-Benz 190 Sport with matching hubcaps.

Which is your most hated car?
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What is your worst habit in the car?
It's got to be picking my nose, particularly at traffic lights.

What infuriates you most about other drivers?
When they sit in the outside lane on the motorway when the traffic is queueing into a single lane. It stops me whizzing up the outside.

What is the most unusual thing you have done in your car?
I left Jono's knickers under the wheel at the Spanish home of a friend we were staying with. It's not as bad as it seems. We'd been swimming. Honestly.

If you were Secretary of State for Transport, what is the first thing you would do?
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What is your most hated car advert?
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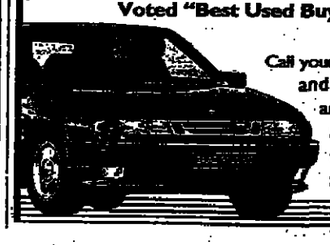
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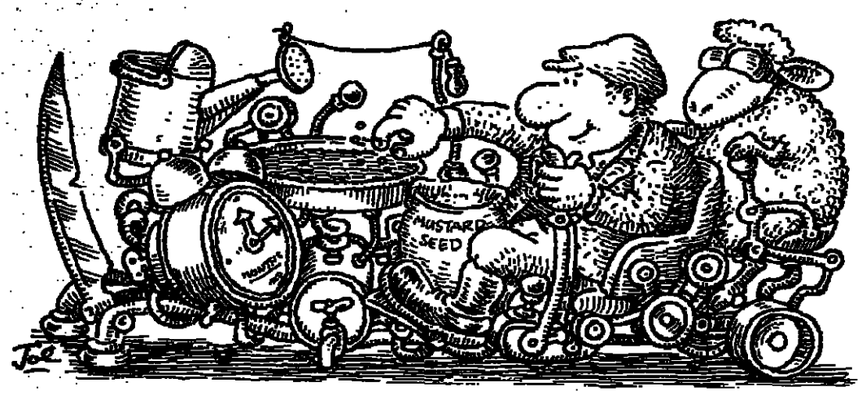
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We sowed our mustard during a dry spell in late June; the seed sat there, waiting for rain, which did not come for some weeks. But within a few days of a good shower or two, the green leafy shoots were coming through, and by mid-August, the crop was a good foot-high, at which point it burst into vivid yellow flowers. It is these flowers that are the clue to my journey through time.

No sooner had the flowers arrived than they were followed by the sweetest of scents, such that the air was filled to bursting with all the invigorating but untimely smells of spring. On recent warm days, it has been impossible to stand next to this field and believe that it was anything other than a balmy May day with the sap shooting up the blades of grass and the bees making frantic forays for pollen.

I looked around, expecting to see the meadows in vigorous growth and awaiting the hay-making machinery, but the grass was short, grazed and decidedly autumnal. But if I closed my eyes, I was back in May, with a summer's farming ahead.

Alas, back in the real world, the flowering of the mustard is not a good thing. I had sown it with a view to "flushing" the sheep before the rams go in. Flushing, which means putting ewes on a rich diet before mating, is said to produce more sets of twins as a result of the ewes being that much more full of life at conception.

However, as the mustard starts to flower, the stems go stalky and become less palatable. Never mind; it has been worth it to have a breath of spring before we turn our backs to the colder winds and dig in for the winter.

Anyway, all is not lost because mustard has other virtues, too. A crop of mustard, hereabouts, is said to be "as good for a field as a load o' muck". It is a green manure, which is to say that, once the crop has been ploughed under and allowed to rot, it adds humus and hence fertility, to the soil.

While growing, it has the beneficial effect of preventing the valuable nitrogen from being washed away, and so if one can add to that formidable list the feeding of one's sheep at a crucial point in their year, one must agree that mustard deserves a greater reputation than the yellow splodge you leave on your plate. Would this not be a good thing to be growing on land that is set-aside, and temporarily out of production, so that as soon as the land is ploughed for the next crop all the benefits are reaped? I just mention it.

Which brings me to comfrey, yet another mysterious crop for which great claims are made. I first came across it some years ago when we had a thriving organic vegetable garden, but I never believed that it would figure in my farming. But a letter from Philip Clarke of King's Lynn, who writes as a former pig-farmer, tells me that comfrey is "... especially valuable to pigs who eat it at a very early age. It is very high in protein and will replace pig meal by half the normal amount. It does away with scouring, infections and provides vitamins. Comfrey is the ideal solution to an organic farmer's problems in more ways than one." I decided to delve deeper, but I met with little success.

Modern books on husbandry did not give it a mention; but as soon as I left this century and retreated into the previous, I found that the *Farmer's Cyclopaedia* tells me it is ... "liked by pigs and is not, like clover, dangerous to cows or sheep".

But it did not tell me whether you cut the plants, which I remember as being tall and lush, and feed them green to livestock, or whether you make them into hay. Or do you simply graze it? There again, another book warns me that it makes "inferior fodder", and that it appears almost impossible to get rid of, once established. Your experiences, or memories, of comfrey would be most welcome.

While I await them, you must excuse me as I stroll once again to the field of mustard. I shall pluck an apple from the orchard as I go, and perhaps a bullace or two, and take one last breath of spring. Comfrey is going to have to be pretty convincing if it is going to win the place that mustard has found in my heart.

One man's mission to bring back animals from the past

The beaver, lynx, wolf, brown bear and elk may yet be returned to wild habitats in Britain if Roy Dennis has his way



Crusader: Roy Dennis

While most conservationists grapple with saving the nation's existing species from the threats of development and pollution, Roy Dennis, one of Britain's leading wildlife experts, is crusading for the restoration of extinct native species — some of which were eradicated in the early Christian era.

These include the beaver, the lynx, the wolf, the brown bear and elk.

At present, the Government's wildlife advisors are identifying British habitats and species of European importance. Under new European wildlife laws, these will be given special status to ensure their protection and survival.

Some zoologists and conservationists, such as Mr Dennis, believe the list should also include the extinct animals.

In the past, ideas of reintroducing these long-gone species have foundered since the wild habitats which supported them, such as the native woodlands and forests, have been decimated by centuries of felling and clearance for fuel, grazing land and development.

But across the country plans are in train to recreate these ancient woodlands, particularly in parts of Scotland such as the Cairngorms and Speyside, and in the north of England including Thetford Forest.

Mr Dennis, formerly with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and one of the key figures behind the reintroduction of the red kite and other birds of prey, believes these habitats can only truly be restored and managed if all the ecological components are in place and these include long-gone species.

"You will not be able to manage these forests with chain saws and wardens," Mr Dennis contends. He believes that reintroducing the beaver, a creature hunted to extinction for its fur and oil in the 16th century, will be an important factor in managing the forests. Beavers coppice willow and dam streams, creating wetlands in which otters and insects like dragonflies thrive.

Red deer, whose population has boomed in recent years and whose numbers are causing damage to woodlands, would also be better managed if a large predator such as the wolf were back in the Highlands, Mr Dennis says.

Supporters of reintroductions also point to the efforts of other European countries, including France, Poland and Germany, where schemes are in place to re-populate wild areas with such animals.

Following a limit on the hunting season, wolf numbers have climbed to 850 in Poland. Wolves have now spread and are protected in the eastern German area of Brandenburgh where they had been previously extinct. Projects in Vallée d'Spe in the Pyrenees are trying to conserve and increase the last bear populations. Pierre Mollier of the WWF near Paris says the scheme, which is trying to protect the last 10 bears there, still needs to fight hunters' guns and developments including a trans-Pyreenes motorway. However a project, running since the 1970s, to reintroduce the lynx using animals from Hungary in the Vosges area of eastern France, is proving more successful. The project pays local farmers for damage to sheep from lynx predation.

Mr Dennis says European beaver numbers have grown so much that the animals can been seen in the heart of Polish cities. They have also been reintroduced into the Netherlands, so restoring them to Britain would complete their European range.

Whether the cry of the wolf or the soft pad of the lynx will again by heard or glimpsed will depend on whether people like Mr Dennis can persuade the government's statutory wildlife advisors.

Scottish Natural Heritage, the advisors north of the Border, are poised to review the arguments for and against all the extinct species. They are to report their findings to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in Geneva.

> Long-gone species foundered because their habitats were decimated by development

Richard Wright, project officer for the European Habitats and Species Directive at English Nature which advises the Department of the Environment south of the border, says they have no formal review of extinct species planned. He also claims that in England, where agriculture is more intensive and urbanisation heavier, the scope for reintroductions is more limited than in Scotland.

Nevertheless, Mr Wright believes there are arguments in favour of bringing back long-gone animals and he expects these will be considered soon. "We need to look and see if it is right and proper to reintroduce species back into England," he says.

A spokesman says that the Forestry Commission, which is helping to mastermind the expansion of native woodlands, is also considering the issue. "The time may come, and this may be soon for some species, when we can get involved in reintroductions. They are the ultimate prize for getting the forests right ecologically," he says.

But Sir Christopher Lever, a member of the reintroduction specialist group of the IUCN, believes that winning over landowners and members of the public may prove to be much tougher than supporters concede.

"Obviously some of the extinct animals, such as wild boar, would be perfectly acceptable. But I think you would find it difficult to get people to back the return of wolves, lynx and bears," he says.

Sir Christopher believes the potential damage caused by wolves is obvious to people, but not the potential damage beavers could cause.

"The main damage could be to timber. There are many trees that they do not cut down but instead ring bark. Their damming of streams could prove very damaging to agriculture," he says.

Sir Christopher believes that supporters of reintroductions have failed to grasp how difficult it can be to recapture or trap such creatures if they proved to be dangerous or damaging.

Mr Dennis conceeds that reintroducing the auroch, Britain's native wild cattle, is impossible. The animal became extinct about 3,200 years ago when settlers to Britain from southern Europe brought their own domesticated cattle which interbred with the auroch.

Nevertheless the wildlife expert believes some rare breeds, such as Chillingham cattle, could replicate the auroch's role and keep open glades if allowed to "go wild".

A compromise might be to bring back the extinct species on an offshore island.

"If some people are determined then maybe an offshore island could be used. Rhum has been suggested. It has a herd of red deer which would provide food for wolves," Sir Christopher says.

But Mr Dennis believes this smacks of out-dated thinking. Stocking an island would do be little more than creating a glorified, open-air zoo, he claims.

NICK NUTTALL

Extinct native species

Auroch, wild cattle, thought to have become extinct 3,200 years ago.
Lynx became extinct soon after AD 0.
Brown Bear disappeared between the 8th and the 10th centuries.
Elk in the 9th century.
Reindeer in the 12th century although a small, captive herd has been reintroduced to the Cairngorms.
Beaver became extinct in the 16th century.
Wild Boar became extinct in the 17th century.
Wolf, last one believed to have been shot in 1743.

TOM KIDD

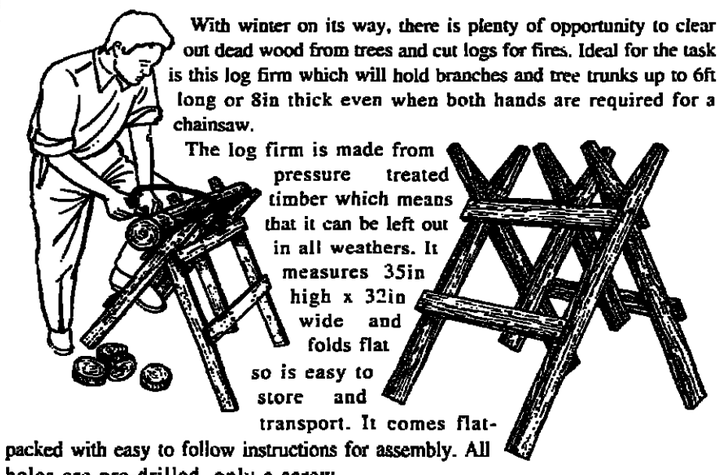


Scottish hill cattle (above) which, along with breeds such as the Chillingham, might replace the long-extinct wild auroch

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WEATHER REPORT

Hen-pecked husbands



Jacques

Red-necked phalaropes: suited to water

RED-NECKED phalaropes were recorded at several places on the east coast last week. These were "gale birds", as the phalaropes are sometimes called in North America — blown here on their way south from their nesting-sites just below the Arctic Circle.

About 20 pairs nest in Great Britain, in the north of Scotland and in the Shetland Islands. I have watched them on the shores of Lake Myvatn, in the north of Iceland. I walked down from my lakeside hotel through a flock of screaming arctic terns that were breeding at the water's edge, and looked out at the great lake, where hundreds of wigeon were up-ending, and whooper swans were calling like bellowing cuckoos.

Then suddenly I saw these two tiny birds bobbing about on the water only a few yards from my feet. It was the bird I had come to Iceland above all to look for, and here it was on the doorstep the first day.

They were so tame that I could see all their fine colouring without needing to raise my field-glasses. They have white cheeks, and a scarlet band curling back from their forehead and down their neck. Their backs are a speckled yellowish-brown and their underparts are white. They are actually waders — close relatives of the plovers and sandpipers. But they are adapted for life on the water, with lobes on the side of their toes, and downy feathers beneath them which trap the air and make them as buoyant as ducks. In fact they sit so lightly on the water that in rough weather they have to take to the land.

I watched my pair feeding, their heads nodding constantly as they picked up midges from the water on all sides. One of them ran ashore after an insect, then ran back into the lake again. Then the other suddenly began the display for which they are famous — spinning round and round on the water to stir up the mosquito larvae.

There is something else for which phalaropes are famous — the male does all the incubation and brings up the family entirely by himself. The female is the more brightly coloured of the pair. She does the wooing, chooses the nest-site — a scrape or a tussock on the shore — and lays the eggs, then she calls it a day. If there are spare males around, she will sometimes mate with another one, and leave him to the same fate too. There are generally four young, and they keep close to their father like young ducklings for a fortnight after they have fledged. In fact it is said:

The phalarope, although
red-necked,
Is also dreadfully hen-pecked.

The arctic terns who dived at my head every time I watched the phalaropes are not unconnected with their lives. The phalaropes often nest deliberately near a colony of terns, who provide a protective shield above them. But the breeding season is short in those high latitudes, and soon after nesting they are on their way south to warmer coasts.

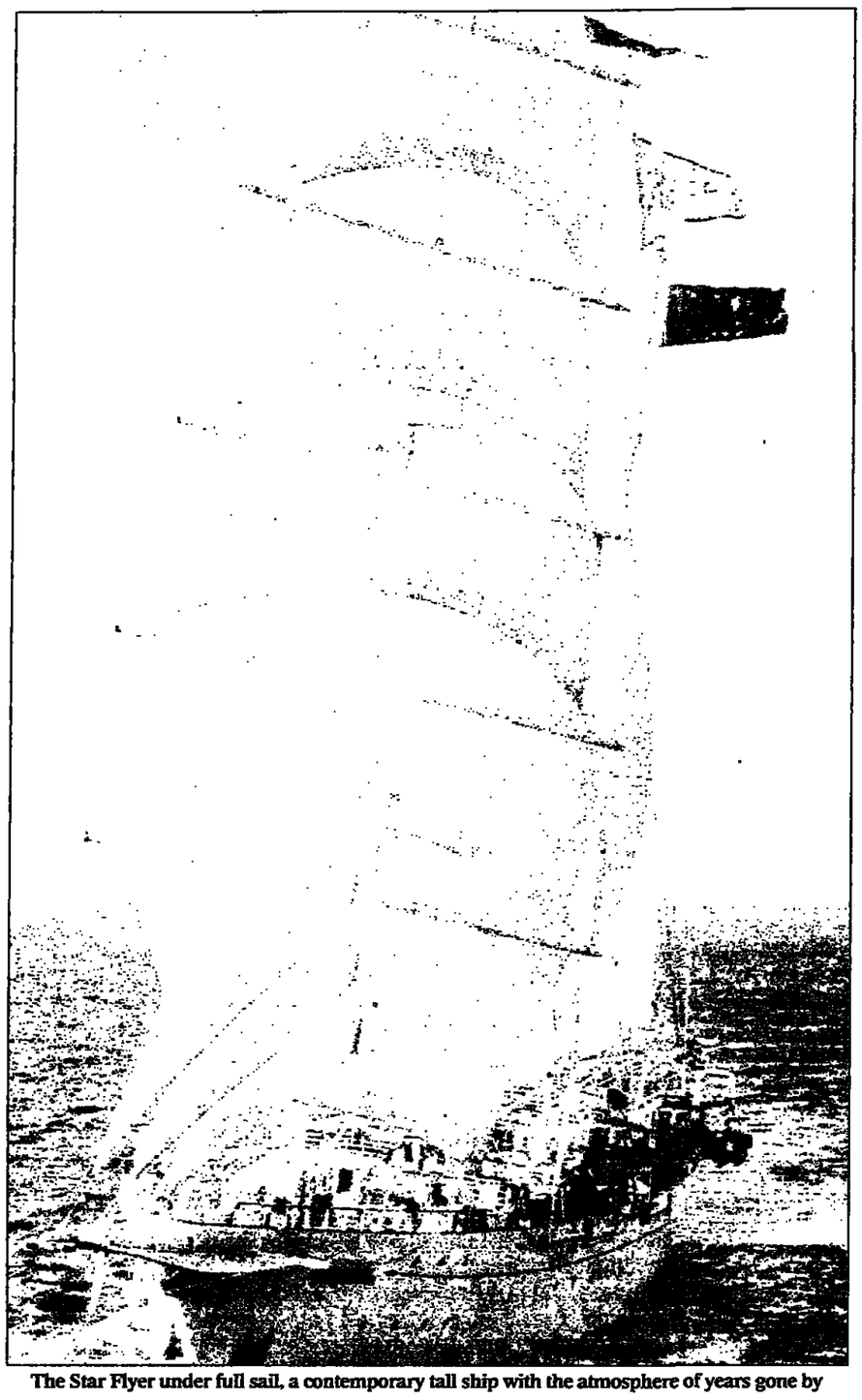
By September they have generally lost their summer plumage. The birds that turn up in England in autumn are hard to distinguish from another phalarope — the grey phalarope, which breeds even further north by the ephemeral pools of the high tundra. Both these species are now grey and white, with the grey phalarope a little lighter in tone. It is worth making the visit to Iceland just to watch the red-necked phalaropes spinning on the water in their full summer brilliance.

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CRUISING: Clippers that once sped cargo across the Atlantic are now built to cruise the Caribbean

Sails in the sunshine



The Star Flyer under full sail, a contemporary tall ship with the atmosphere of years gone by

Who could not fall in love at first sight with the *Star Flyer*? There she lay off the Côte d'Azur, the first clipper ship to be built since 1911, her sails furled, white hull gleaming in the Mediterranean sun.

Riding out to meet her from Cannes harbour, she looked huge, her masts as tall as a block of flats.

"Remember," said Captain Gerhard Lickfett, her German skipper, in his welcome speech, "This is not a cruise. It is a voyage." His remark set the scene for one of the most memorable weeks of my life. The 2,556-tonne *Star Flyer* is a clipper ship, a true four-masted barquentine of the kind that battled around Cape Horn at the turn of the century. But the *Star Flyer* belongs in the age of space travel. She was built only three years ago in the shipyards of Ghent, Belgium.

She is everyone's dream of a tall ship: 360ft of sheer poetry. Her main mast is 220ft tall. Together, her four masts carry 36,000 sq ft of canvas, enabling her to fly over the waves at a top speed of 17 knots.

No doubt the old Cape Horners, those hard-driving bucko sea captains from the age of iron men and wooden ships, would have hooted with derision at her electrically operated winches and capstans, which take all the heave-ho out of raising anchors and bracing the yards. But how they would have envied her ability to hoist all 16 sails in just two minutes with only six crew on deck.

Her 170 passengers sail in air-conditioned luxury, in cabins equipped with televisions and hairdryers and toilets that flush at the press of a button — a far cry from the old bucket-and-chuck-it days of earlier sailing vessels.

Her inertial water ballast system is so efficient that it can slow the ship's roll by two seconds — "the difference between a glass of red wine spilling all over your table or staying put", as Captain Lickfett puts it.

To look after you, she carries a crew of 70 (71 if you include Dirty Harry, the ship's parrot), drawn from a score of countries. But the luxury you are buying here has nothing to do with creature comforts, the fine food, the smooth-as-silk service. At the end of the day the *Star Flyer* is still a real sailing ship, and what she offers is the voyage of a lifetime.

She and her sister ship, the *Star Clipper*, are a special breed. They are true clippers, greyhounds of the sea, the newest of a long line of lovely ships whose names were written on the wind: *Ariel, Sea Witch, Flying Cloud, Cutty Sark*.

With her clouds of canvas set to catch every last breath of wind, the *Star Flyer* recalls the heyday of the age of sail a hundred years ago, when clippers set out from London and New York, driving hard for the Pacific, eager to be the first around Cape Horn and return home laden with China tea or Chilean saltpetre.

The great 19th-century clippers were created out of the need for faster ships and smaller crews to bring in the greatest profit. Everything from their flared bows to their graceful hulls, was built for speed.

Even their name described how they clipped the waves. Unlike the windjammers which ploughed through the waves like modern-day tankers, clippers flew over the water, slicing through the swell with their sharp steel bows.



Captain Lickfett in action

Inevitably, with the coming of steamships, the clippers sailed into oblivion. But many lamented their passing. The poet John Masefield, writing at the time when the watch was being changed from sail to steam, knew the magic they could exert on men's imaginations. "All I ask is a tall ship," he wrote. "The wheel's kick and the wind's song and a white sail shaking."

Now, in the environmentally conscious 1990s, the sails are shaking again. Ships like the *Star Flyer* live closer to the natural world. They work with wind and waves, leave no pollution in their wake and teach respect for the sea and its uncompromising ways.

What Mikael Krafft, her Swedish-born owner, has done is to turn a romantic dream into financial success. "Slowly we are seeing a return to sailing," Captain Lickfett says. "It's an economical way to carry passengers. We make our money with our white sails; but we must hurry so that the old skills are not lost."

Choosing the charismatic Captain Lickfett as the *Star Flyer's* skipper was a piece of inspired casting. Tall and lean, with saturnine features, he is a cultured man of many enthusiasms, who learned to speak English between dances at Hammersmith Palais in London. A Nelson scholar, in love with the sea, he can still steer by the stars even though his ship's bridge is crammed with every high-tech navigational aid known to science.

Even when chatting with his passengers you can sense that he always has one eye on the weather. "You feel the wind with the hairs on your legs," he said solemnly. "That is what I am always telling my young officers. Wear shorts and feel the wind."

Born in Gdansk, he first went to sea in 1964 on a banana boat. But then he saw the famous old-time square rigger, the *Pamir*, and that was it. "I knew I had to sail a tall ship," he said.

He signed on as a deck boy on the *Passat* and sailed from Hamburg to Rio. "They worked me hard but I enjoyed it. I loved to sail such a ship."

Later he spent 30 years sailing the world on cargo ships. But when he was 50 he decided to leave motor vessels and go back to sailing ships.

Now all the old sea captains are dead and Lickfett is the last man in the German Merchant Navy who was trained on a working square-rigger.

In summer the *Star Flyer* roams the Mediterranean, cruising from Cannes around Corsica and Sardinia and along the Ligurian coast; but in September when the days grow shorter, she heads out into the Atlantic. "There we sail south until the butter melts," Captain Lickfett says, "then go west with the Trade Winds to the Caribbean for the winter."

But when I joined her in early September she was still based in Cannes; and it was from there, with Captain Charisma at the helm, that we set sail for Corsica.

There we anchored off Ile Rousse and came ashore to explore the mountain-top villages of the Balagne and wander around Calvi, the seaport citadel where Columbus spent his childhood.

Back at sea that night, I could still smell the aromatic whiff of pines and wild herbs on the land breeze — the ineluctable scent of the *maquis* — by which Napoleon vowed he would recognise Corsica even if he was blindfolded.

By midweek we were cruising through the Straits of Bonifacio to Sardinia, threading our way among the granite rocks and narrow channels of the Costa Smeralda, where we called in at Porto Cervo, rubbing shoulders with the seriously rich as they shopped in the glitzy boutiques.

Then we hoisted all sail and bore away for the island of Giglio, a speck of granite off the Italian coast, crowned by a fortified village full of cool alleys and furtive cats.

On the Italian mainland we visited Portovenere and its colourful waterfront of six-storey houses. Like Giglio, it was a wonderful surprise, and I promised myself that I would return for a longer stay.



But this was a week in which even the most glamorous shore excursions took second place to being at sea on a tall ship.

What land-bound joy could compare with lying out in the nets slung like a gigantic hammock under the *Star Flyer's* bowsprit? There, suspended in space between sea and sky, I sprawled alongside the ship's figurehead — a gilded flying eagle — staring up into the maze of rigging or rolling over to look down past the dolphin strikers and watch our bows shearing through the waves.



All week the sun shone. But on the last night the weather broke and we sailed back to Cannes in a Force Eight gale with storm sails set and lightning zigzagging across the southern horizon.

The wind was strong but the night sky was clear, the tops of the masts swaying among torrents of stars. Up there in the heavens I could see the lights of passing jetliners; but I would not have changed places with them for all the world. I was happy to be where I stood, riding the *Star Flyer's* scrubbed teak deck as she rose and fell among the wild hills of the sea to a rhythm as old as time.

BRIAN JACKMAN



Calvi, one port of call for *Star Flyer's* passengers

Where to join the clippers

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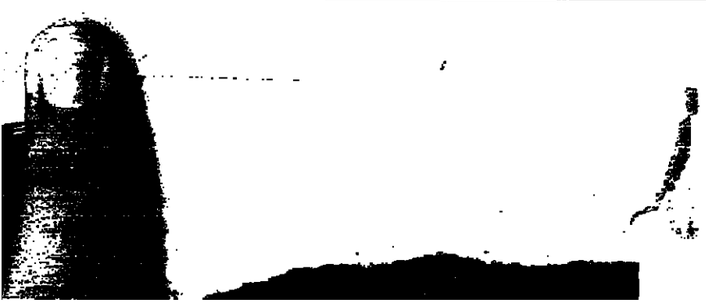
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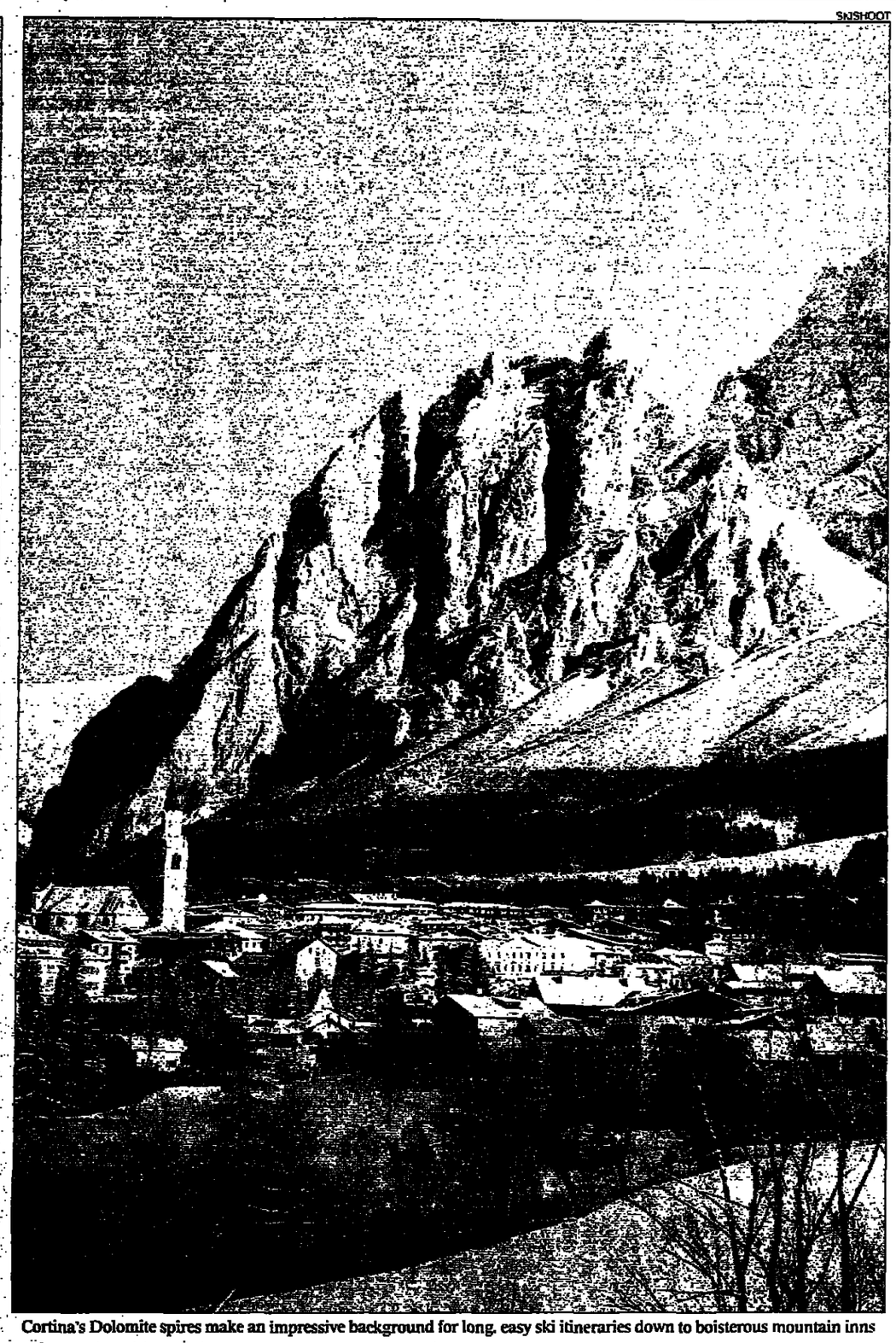


ITALY: Part four of *The Times* weekly guide to the world's leading ski resorts



The old spa town of Bormio has high skiing and good snow





SNISHOOT

Cortina's Dolomite spires make an impressive background for long, easy ski itineraries down to boisterous mountain inns

How to reach the peaks of pleasure

SKIERS Travel Bureau (0532 666876; fax 0532 693305) is a Leeds-based consultancy on winter holidays. Tina Crowther, the director, has visited every important resort in the Alps and North American, and is a keen skier. For someone planning their first ski holiday, Ms Crowther recommends the pretty resort of Chiesa, near Sondrio. Day trips to St Moritz in Switzerland are possible from there.

To take advantage of out-of-season prices, most beginner skiers visit resorts before Christmas or after Easter. Ms Crowther has put together a package which includes flights, transfers and half-board accommodation at the Hotel Lanterna for £354 per person. The price is for the high-season week beginning February 5 and includes a full week of ski lessons.

For intermediate skiers looking to test their legs on long, groomed runs, Ms Crowther picks the Selva/Val Gardena area, right in the middle of the Super Ski Dolomiti ski circus. She notes that the resort is high enough for good skiing in the sunny month of March, and suggests a chalet party package for the week of March 12 for £467.

Citing off-piste runs on Mont Blanc, and Europe's *most inexpensive helicopter* skiing, Ms Crowther advises experts to head for Courmayeur. During the peak half-term week of February 26 she suggests a half-board package at the Telecabine hotel for £519.

Particularly in the Dolomites, a Germanic sense of proprietorship makes for very high standard, very modern guesthouses. Small, family inns, where the cuisine is a hybrid of Austrian pastries and Italian pasta, are dotted everywhere across the region's low-lying alpine pastures.

In the selection of tour operators surveyed below, each has provided the lowest quote for a holiday package in January and the highest quote for February. Packages typically include flights, transfers and half-board accommodation in a chalet or an hotel. *Insurance and in-resort items* such as ski pass and ski school are not normally included in package prices.

Ski West (081-789 1122; fax 081-780 9799)

Concentrating solely on Courmayeur, Ski West's 1,700 skiers enjoy a good selection of accommodation from chalets to hotels and self-catered flats. From £219 (self-catered flat) to £495 (hotel).

Inghams (081-785 7777; fax 081-785 2045)

Voted top ski operator by travel agents for the past six years, Inghams declines to say how many of its 60,000 skiers go to its eight Italian resorts, noting only that Livigno and Cervinia are most requested. From £228 (B&B) to £760 (hotel).

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Short, chic seasons in the sun

Italian resorts have enjoyed a *risorgimento* in the past two years. A lira even weaker than the pound is the allure. Tour operators boast: "We could have sold double the packages, if we'd had the allocations," or more modestly, "Italy is up another 25 per cent this year".

But skiing in Italy is not all about price. Sunshine is a factor more important to most holiday skiers than depth of snow. Italy's snow season is short. January and February are the only certain months. And Italian resorts, with the exception of Cervinia, all close early in spring.

Unlike most Swiss and French resorts, there are big discounts in Italy outside the prime holiday and half-term seasons. An analysis of 19 Italian resorts shows an average price of £85 for a six-day lift pass in high season — cheaper than most French and Swiss resorts.

Italians do not rush out to the ski lifts first thing in the morning. Nor do they stay on the slopes over lunch, that two to three hour period between extended stops for morning coffee and afternoon tea.

Hard-core piste skiers may grumble at the antiquated state of Italian lifts and sniff at the modest snow cover. Off-piste skiers with a mountain guide, however, who climb above the ski lifts into the "cannelloni" couloirs of the Dolomites will find amply deep powder stashes and plenty of challenge.

COURMAYEUR

Just 20 minutes from Chamonix through the Mont Blanc tunnel, Courmayeur has better shopping, lower prices and shorter lift queues than its French neighbour. A pedestrian district, snow-covered firs and substantial stone villas contribute to a feeling of charm and elegance.

No resort has more spacious and congenial bars and bistros. Sofas and comfy old armchairs abound. Smoking seems to be obligatory. A cable car accident on the Italian lifts up to the Vallée Blanche makes skiing down into Chamonix from Courmayeur unlikely this winter.

CERVINIA

Nestled at the bottom of the Italian side of the Matterhorn, Cervinia often has better snow than Zermatt and a lift ticket is 35 per cent cheaper. Cervinia's lifts rise right to the border with Switzerland and connect with Zermatt's skiing, after payment of the Swiss supplement. The longest intermediate groomed run in the Alps is from Plateau Rosa to Valtournenche, some 22km and nearly 2,000 vertical metres of mildly challenging descent.

At night, Cervinia switches on the floodlights for evening skiing. But skiing aside, Cervinia is a vision of bleak-looking hotels and diesel-belching cars churning up the "pedestrian" shopping zone.

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO

Cortina beats Zermatt or Courchevel hands down for style and ambience, yet has fewer British visitors than either of these resorts. Cortina is vintage motor cars, floor-length furs, snow polo. Paparazzi snap away at dowagers from Milan and Rome as they walk matched pairs of exotic dogs down the Corso every evening. Pink-hued Dolomite spires make an impressive background for long, easy ski itineraries down to boisterous mountain inns.

Blessed with sunshine even in January, Cortina can have fabulous powder skiing in its incredibly narrow couloirs. But in recent years the snow record has been less than excellent, especially late in the season. There are two new chairlifts for this winter.

SUPERSKI DOLOMITI REGION

Not a resort, but a consortium of ski-lift companies spread across the Dolomites from Merano to Cortina. Selva/Val Gardena, Arraba and even the Val di Fassa resorts are all part of Superski. This ski circus makes the Trois Vallées in France, which bills itself as the world's largest, look like a two-rope tow affair. Superski advertises more than 460 lifts and over 1,100 kilometres of pistes, not to mention a six-day ski pass which even in high season is £25 cheaper than Courchevel and Méribel.

But Superski resorts are not all connected by ski piste. *Many are tiny family affairs* accessible only by car. Ski safaris, most notably around the Sella Ronda resorts, enthrall intermediates. And some astonishingly hard-core skiing is possible between Superski spots. From Passo Sella to the top of the Sasso Lungo and down over the savage, avalanche-prone slit through rock all the way to quiet Santa Cristina is an accomplishment an expert can be proud of.

VAL SENALES

You won't find this resort in any guide book, or brochure. This dead-end valley hamlet far to the west in the Dolomites had the earliest and the best snow in Italy last year. "Oetzi" the 5,000-year-old glacier-preserved mummy, *Homo Tirolensis*, was found here. The secret of superskiing here is beginning to leak out. At 2,011m and with only a score of guesthouses and one modernistic hotel, the village complements ample natural snow with snow-making machinery. There is glacier skiing at 3,258m, and an entire valley of off piste. Lift queues, however, on the glacier Poma build up easily.

BORMIO

An old Roman spa town where mud packs and thermal baths make a change from the *après-ski* sauna, Bormio has high skiing and good snow. Neither is easy to find in Italy. Beginner slopes at 2,000m guarantee that learners won't be wallowing in mud.

Bormio is a good-sized town with a bit of sprawl across a wide valley floor. Intermediates can ski at 3,000m, without waiting more than half an hour or so in lift queues. But the transfer from Bergamo airport can take four hours.

MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO

This is an Italian resort for *Italians. Lathered-up ladies*, bringing the suntan oil up to broiling temperature with reflective aluminium wrapped around their heads, litter acres of wooden sundeck. Legend dates the local tradition of honest hospitality back to the 12th century, when a monk named Raymond built a rude hospice where the Grand Hotel des Alpes now stands.

This is an attractive and civilized destination for intermediate skiers who are more into cappuccinos than counting kilometres.

DOUG SAGER

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WORD-WATCHING

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ASCARIS

(b) The singular of *Ascarides*, a parasitic nematode worm belonging to the genus so called. Linnaeus named it in 1758, from the Greek *askaris* an intestinal worm. "The body of the ascaris is cylindrical, filiform, and tapers at both ends."

BLIN

(c) A Russian pancake, plural *blinis, blini, bliny*. "The terrible Russian General absorbs before his soup a dozen blinies — which are heavy pancakes stuffed with caviare *and seasoned with hot melted butter*." "They remembered blinis, those famous Carnival pancakes, thin and golden, eaten sometimes with sour cream, and oftener with caviare."

CHAMISO

(b) A Californian evergreen shrub, *Adenostoma fasciculatum*, also used attributively, also *chamiza*, from the Mexican Spanish: "The chaparral is generally a thorny, impervious shrubbery, made up of the Chinquapin and the Chamiso." "One afternoon they located a grizzly, and ran him into a field of chamiso brush."

DINKEL

(a) A species of wheat, *Triticum spelta*, from the German. "Of the wheats with a brittle rachis Common Spelt or Dinkel is the race most extensively grown." "European names [for spelt], on the contrary are numerous. *Spelta* in Saxon, whence the English name, and the French *épeautre*; *Dinkel* in modern German."

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DEATH VALLEY: This hot, desolate place exerts a strange fascination

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"The Valley of Death, Inyo County, California, is the loneliest, the hottest, the most deadly and dangerous spot in the United States. It is a pit of horrors — the haunt of all that is grim and ghoulish. Such animal and reptile life as infests this pest hole is of ghastly shape, rancorous nature, and diabolically ugly. It breeds only noxious and venomous things. Its dead do not decompose, but are baked, blistered, and embalmed by the scorching heat. It is surely the nearest to a little hell upon earth that the whole wicked world can produce."

Not exactly a rave review from the travel writer who wrote the above for the *New York World* in 1894.

But every year thousands of visitors flock to this fascinating spot in California. Their first stop is, or should be, one of the Death Valley Park Rangers stations at Shoshone, Wildrose, Grapevine and Emigrant, or the headquarters at Furnace Creek. Here you can get up-to-date information on weather conditions and road closures. You also get plenty of advice and a handy little pamphlet produced by the Death Valley Natural History Association entitled *How to Survive Your Summer Trip Through Death Valley.*

Read it. It may sound dramatic as you head towards the valley floor in your air-conditioned car, but a few facts and figures help to put things in perspective. The valley is about 130 miles long and varies in width from 50 miles to 20 miles — not too bad so far? The highest point is at Telescope Peak 11,045ft above sea level. From here you can see Badwater. Badwater is 282ft *below* sea level.

At Badwater the ground temperature often reaches 200F (93C) and that is hot. Very, very hot — eggs-frying-on-the-rocks hot. Even in autumn temperatures range from 100F to 110F; in December they fall to 70F to 80F.

Our hottest day produced an air temperature of 110F, and to give you an idea of what your body is up against, you should remember that your skin temperature is normally 92F. The body's natural defence against overheating is perspiration. In such heat, even resting in the shade (if you can find any) you will perspire away nearly one kilo of water an hour. Move around, and you make things worse. A water loss of 10 per cent of your body weight (about seven kilos in an average person) will make you critically ill.

So, read the pamphlet, especially the tips about what to do if your car breaks down, and the advice about flash floods. In spite of an annual rainfall of less than two inches a year, a thunderstorm in the mountains can produce flash floods one to two metres deep which, flowing at the speed of a galloping horse, could wash your car off the road.

It sounds as if that chap on the *New York World* got it right — so why on earth go there at all? Well, he had got it right in parts, but it is also one of the most interesting areas in the world from a geological standpoint, and you do not have to be a geologist to stand in wonder at the rumbustious and unruly turmoil which the earth indulged in to produce this valley of contrasts.

We flew into Las Vegas and booked into a hotel on the Strip, that multi-coloured street of hotels and casinos. We chose Las Vegas as a starting point because we planned to venture out from Nevada into California, Arizona, and Utah, and Las Vegas was central. You have to drive long distances to get anywhere in the United States but hire cars are good value, fuel is cheap, and an hour will usually take you a 50 miles on roads which run straight to the horizon.

Our route took us through Red Rock Canyon on the Pahrump and then to Shoshone, where we entered Death Valley from the south. Following the advice for driving in the area, we turned off the car's air-conditioning to prevent it from overheating on the mountainous road. In spite of this we watched the temperature gauge slowly rise, and the temperature inside the car follow it. As we dropped into the valley, we switched the air-conditioning on and, blissfully cool, we reached the valley floor.

The road along the eastern side of the valley passes through Badwater, and it was here that we stopped and got out of the car to see the small lake at Badwater full of thick, brackish water. The heat slammed into the car as the doors opened, and the pure light reflected from the salt pans burnt our eyes. Most cars for hire in this part of the US have tinted windows, which are a great comfort while you are driving, but the shock to your eyes when you get out can be alarming.

The lake at Badwater is created by a spring. It is small and looks insignificant when compared with the vast lakes which seem to stretch into the distance to the northwest — until you realise there is no water and these are just mile after mile of salt pans, and that you are experiencing the mirages for which the valley is well known.

Mountains stretch in every direction. As the heat hammers you from above only to ricochet back from the rocks below and hit you again, spare a thought for the men and women who first made this place famous — the old '49ers.

In 1849, Death Valley lay in the way of a headlong rush across America to the California gold fields, and the valley itself has been the site of many legendary silver and gold strikes. Stories abound of the "lost" mines and ledges of golden nuggets. Many of these stories are based on fact, and lost treasures such as the Lost Gunsight Lode, Lost Toller, and Bryfogle's Lost Ledge still bring prospectors, many with that glint in their eyes, flocking to this hard land. In 1865 Charles Bryfogle crawled into Las Vegas Springs after being attacked by Indians, with his head so burnt by the sun that his scalp had split. He had struck it rich, but the ordeal of getting out of the valley was too much for him and he never found the ledge with its high-grade silver again.

The real riches, however, lie in the tangled and tormented landscape where man is made to realise just how transient his footprint is.

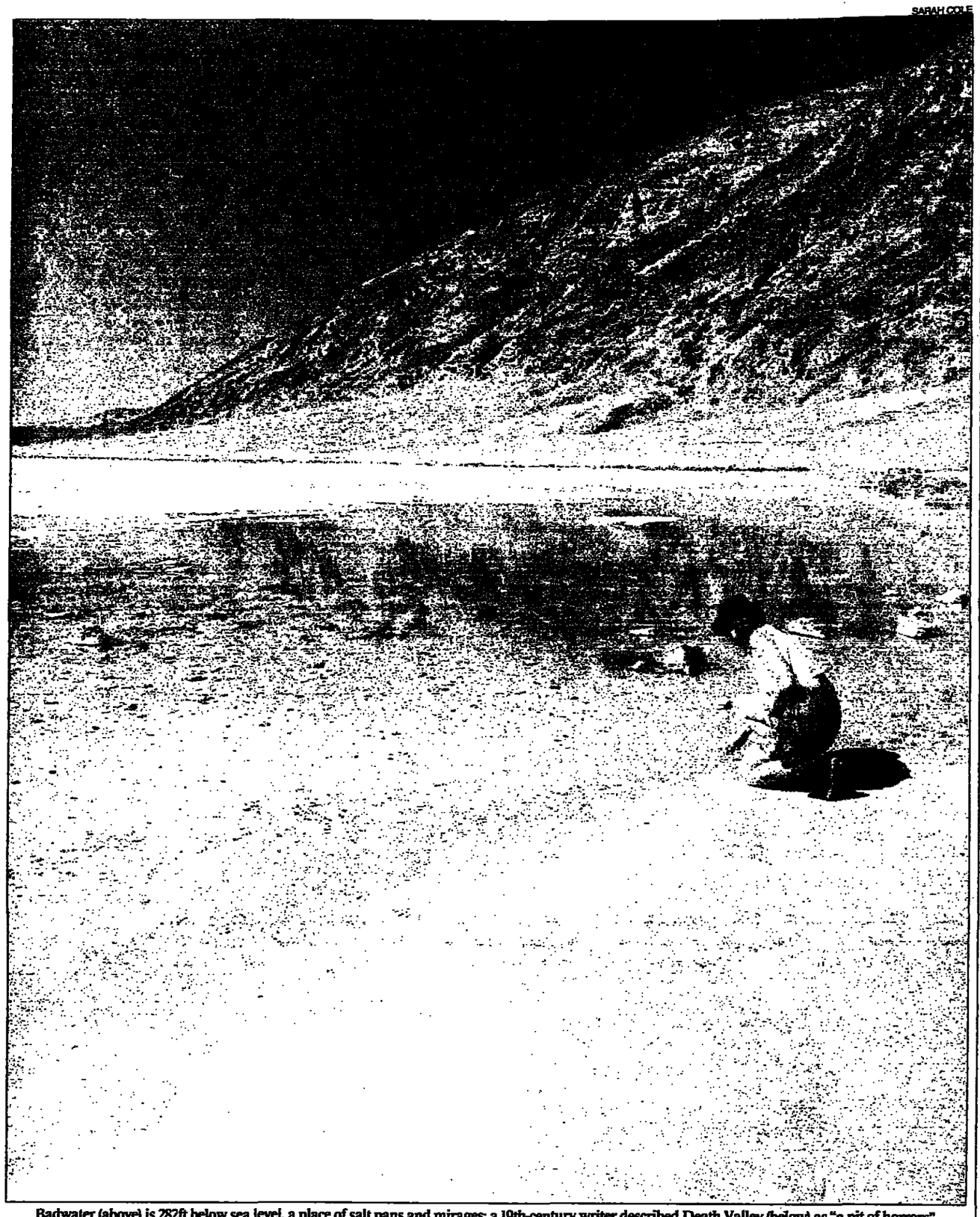
But Death Valley is not just rocks. In spite of its appearance life abounds: no fewer than 51 mammals, from the desert shrew to the mountain lion, make this area their home. They share it with 36 species of reptile, and even six different kinds of fish.

Among the few pieces of attractive rock that I brought back was a dark one with white interspersed with shiny flecks. I now know that it is in fact a rich silver ore . . . I just wish I could remember where I found it.

SARAH COLE

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SARAH COLE



Badwater (above) is 282ft below sea level, a place of salt pans and mirages; a 19th-century writer described Death Valley (below) as "a pit of horrors"

SARAH COLE



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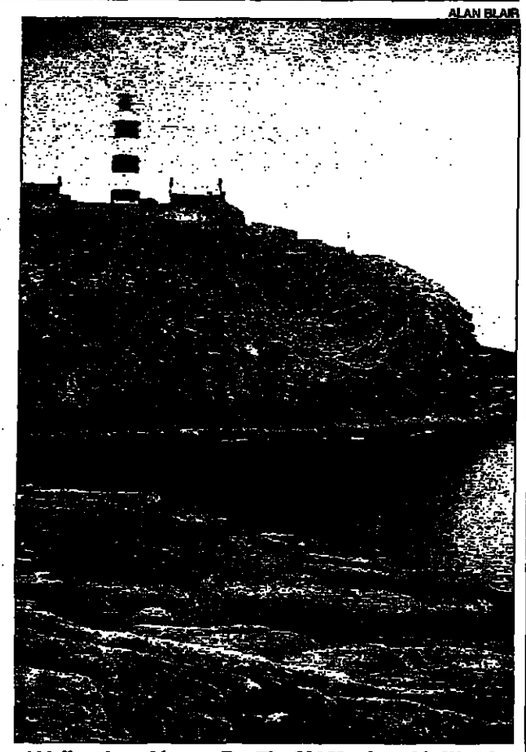
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ALAN BLAIR

Aid digestion with a stroll at The Old Head outside Kinsale

It is skittering on towards midnight and a tribe of travel writers has ended up, with unerring instinct, in the bar of one of the world's finest sea-food restaurants. We are overnighting at Aherne's in Youghal, Co. Cork, *en route* for the Kinsale Gourmet Festival, only 50 miles away.

Time, certainly, for a few more tinctures of the blessed Jameson Crested Ten and to ask what's for lunch tomorrow. The chef, David Fitzgibbon, whose family has been running Aherne's for three generations, said: "Come and look."

He took us into the kitchen, then out through the back door — straight onto a quay dripping with fishing nets and lobster pots. Harbour lights blinked back from the incoming tide. *Jennifer Jessica*, Sean White's rusting trawler, had nosed in on the tide and was landing the day's catch: white sole, black sole, lemon sole, monkfish, plaice, turbot, brill, cod, hake and John Dory.

"Anything you fancy?" David asked.

One poor traveller couldn't stay on so he had the freshest cod he'd ever tasted — for breakfast. With Chablis.

That afternoon, we managed to get a few miles closer to Kinsale before being bewitched by another monument to fresh food. Darina Allen was presiding over a class of 44 pupils on the intensive, three-month course at her Ballymaloe School of Cookery. Her students come from all over the world and all 44 are likely to end up with a job.

They deserve it. Over the next three hours Darina — attended by three nerve-jangled acolytes — prepared cucumber ring with shrimps and avocado, Shanagarry chicken casserole, Ballymaloe white yeast bread, Besançon apple tart. All the ingredients are grown or reared at Ballymaloe.

Lessons are frenetic. Darina teaches with armour-piercing friendly fire, hardly drawing breath when switching from jointing a chicken to making dough. Half-way through, two girls got up to go to the lavatory. They'll never do that again in Darina's class.

"Organise yourselves better," snapped Darina, hardly pausing while making pasta thin enough to see through.

That evening Myrtle, Darina's mother-in-law, of whom foodies speak in hushed tones, tempted us to have plaice at her Ballymaloe House.

Most plaice are ruined before they reach a kitchen. Much of the rest are ruined in the kitchen. Ballymaloe's kitchen waved magic over plaice bursting with the taste of the sea. Eating them was like swallowing the first oyster of the season.

Myrtle's secret lies in the way she buys fish. This 70-year-old says: "It's not good enough have your fish 'landed today'. You need to know whether it was *caught* today and if it has been looked after properly.

Myrtle buys fish only from trawlers that go out to sea and return on the same day.

We still had a day and 38 miles before Kinsale and a man had asked us whether we would like to see a million oysters. Con Guerin actually has tens of millions of oysters — fattening up in the pure and undisturbed waters of the Rossmore estuary at Cork.

That day, thousands of ready-for-market oysters lay before us, cleansing themselves in troughs of sparkling running water. Also cooling were bottles of fine white wines.

Eoin Goode, Con's neighbour, popped over with the wild Irish salmon he smokes for gourmets worldwide and soon there were dozens of empty oyster shells, spent salmon skins and dead bottles.

Con told us how eight out of ten top London chefs now get oysters from Rossmore. He nurses and cossets them in temperature-controlled ponds full of old mussel shells.

When sturdy enough (and about the size of a 5p piece) the oysters, clinging to their host mussel shells, are deposited in the river in football pitch-size beds. Fast-growing rock oysters are farmed for two years. Irish natives take four years, which is why they cost more.

But these are all out of sight on the riverbed. What about the million oysters Con said we could *see*?

Mischievously, he pointed to a disappointly small trough — all of 3ft long. "In there," he said. "Small as pinheads. That's a million oysters, but they're a long way from the bank." He was referring to the Bank of Ireland.

Later we reached the madness that is the Kinsale Festival. The organiser's office had a sign saying: "This is the back door. The front door is at the back."

Last year, the Blue Haven restaurant served Irish stew to a troup of roving Spanish troubadours. It was so good that one of them came back for more and now works there.

This year there are 30 "wild geese wines" from the vineyards of Irish families who fled from persecution to France, California and Chile.

Chile? "Of course," says Brian Cronin, the host. "Wasn't it an Irishman who liberated Chile from the Spaniards? Bernardo O'Higgins. We have wine made by his descendants."

JACK CROSSLEY

Fact file

☐ The Kinsale Gourmet Festival runs from next Thursday to Sunday October 9. Tickets, which include tastings, lunches, events etc from Kinsale Good Food Circle (010 353 21774026): full festival £65, day tickets £30.

Oct 6, 6pm: Festival is *opened at Acton's by* American ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith.
Oct 7: a day for *gormandising in* Kinsale's 12 Good Food Circle restaurants, followed by Irish Bar Night at the Trident Hotel (from 11pm).
Oct 8: watch Kinsale's finest chefs in action. 11pm: Gala Night at Acton's and Cork City Jazz in the Captain's Table Restaurant.
October 9, 12.30pm: farewell cocktails.

☐ Aherne's Seafood Restaurant (010 353 2492424), 163 North Main Street, Youghal, Co. Cork. Accommodation: £35 per person sharing, £55 single.

☐ Ballymaloe Cookery School, Shanagarry, Midleton, Co. Cork (010 353 21646785). A 12-week certificate course in January costs £3,475. Price does not include accommodation and flights. a five-day course £355 *and a one-day course £80.*

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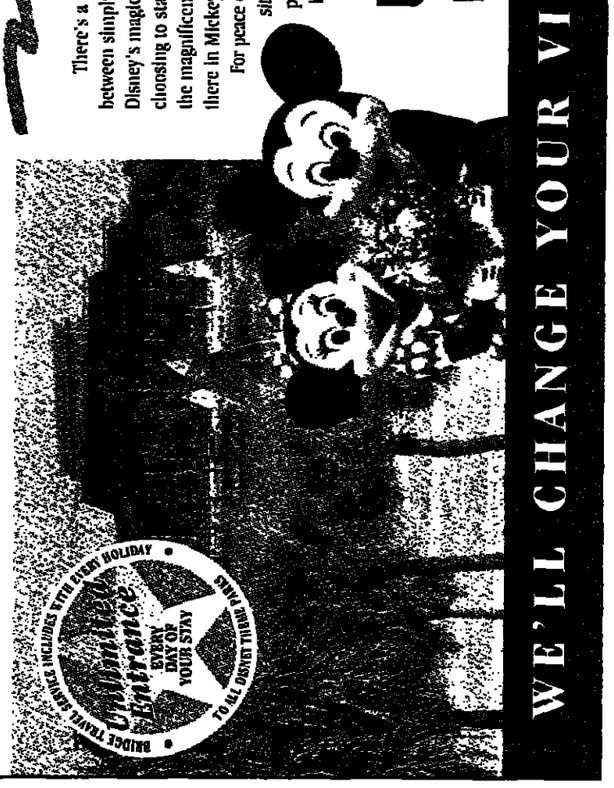
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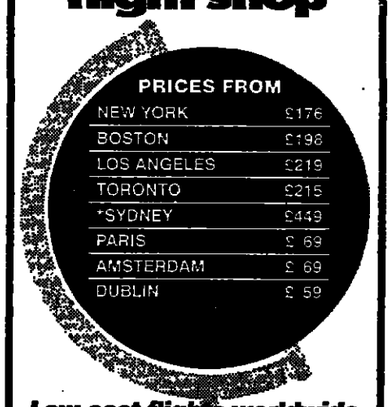
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Fodor's Guide to Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket 94 (£11.99)

Manhattan-sur-mer is less Cape Cod than the adjacent islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. I was about to complain that this guide was too obsessed with the islands when the arrival of the Princess of Wales and the Clintons made such remarks redundant. Fine by me. Fodor's fund of fun-seeking detail offers first-timers all they could possibly need — though visitors to Provincetown are in for an unmentioned shock, and any American guide-book which can't spell Dunkin' Donuts needs to take a long, hard look somewhere deep within its overprized self. As it also fails to list my favourite golf club, tennis courts, bookshop, beach, restaurant, fast food joint, cinema and shopping mall, I cannot recommend it highly enough to all potential British visitors. (*Anthony Holden*)

Prague Walks, by Ivana Edwards (Boxtree, £9.99)

One of the best ways to see Prague is on foot, and this pocket-sized guide, complete with maps, suggests five walks, each focusing on a different aspect of the city. Kafka's Prague takes in the writer's birthplace, his house in Golden Lane and his grave in the Old Jewish cemetery; Baroque Prague concentrates on the splendours of the Old Town. (*Christina Koning*)

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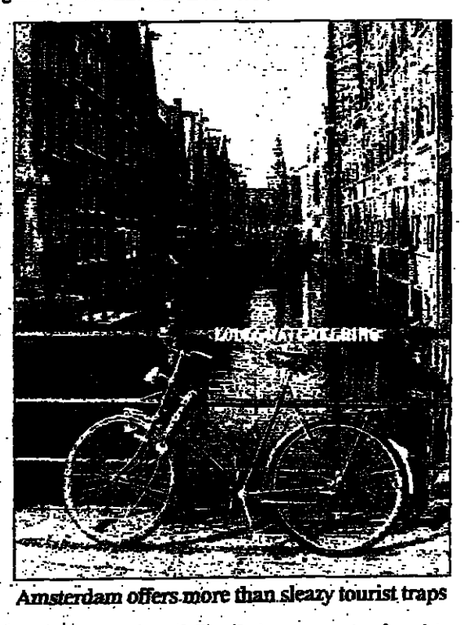
Amazingly well up-dated, well researched, and also immensely readable, this book is now in its second edition. James Henderson has put together an easy to follow guide which starts with a thumbnail sketch of each island and then follows with a chapter of solid information. He has managed to get across the different character of each island and has also answered questions about how to get there, where to stay and what money to use — the last being especially important. (*Ruth Buckmaster*)

The Rough Guide to Amsterdam, by Martin Dunford and Jack Holland (*Distributed by Penguin*, £7.99)

Essential information, complete with clear and detailed maps, on where to stay, what to see and how to find (or avoid) gay bars, "smoking" coffee-shops and the Red Light district. Other listed attractions include Amsterdam's museums and art galleries. There are helpful sections on money, transport, nightlife and excursions. (*Christina Koning*)

The Rough Guide to Holland, Belgium & Luxembourg, by Martin Dunford, Jack Holland and Phil Lee (£9.99)

The *Rough Guides* are not as rough as all that. They assume you are travelling cheaply — descriptions of towns begin at the railway station, and where the best fast food is located — but there are wonderfully full and clear accounts of the architecture and art. There are 50 pages on Amsterdam alone, and well-informed entries on innumerable other small towns of polder and forest. The authors also pour splendid scorn on all the sleazy tourist-traps. (*Derwent May*)



Amsterdam offers more than sleazy tourist traps

Tuscany, Umbria and the Marches, by Dana Facaros and Michael Pauls (Cadogan Guides, £14.99)

The Rough Guide to Tuscany and Umbria, by Jonathan Buckley, Mark Ellingham and Tim Jepson (£8.99)

Bad luck for the first of these to be reissued at the same time as *The Rough Guide*. The Cadogan guide is perfectly serviceable and comprehensive, covering all the basic art, tourism and food necessities, but for writing style there is plenty to raise a cringe. *The Rough Guide* towers above it in depth, sophistication, and total lack of whimsicality. Comparing their descriptions of favourite places, famous and remote, *The Rough Guide* came up with more and better information every time. It has the confidence born of real knowledge to give crisp, sometimes acerbic judgements of the relative value of various sights and I found myself in happy agreement with most of its authors' pronouncements. (*Polly Toynbee*)

Family Italy by Frank Barrett (Boxtree £8.99)

This directory of tour operators, specialist holidays and self-catering opportunities provides a shortcut through the dazzling, and sometimes baffling, selection on offer. A practical and entertaining aid for the planning stage of a holiday. (*Alan Copps*)

South West France, Dordogne, Lot & Bordeaux, by Dano Facaros and Michael Pauls (Cadogan Guides, £12.99)

South West France, by Andrew Sanger (Christopher Hahn, £11.99)

The British love affair with rural France — fresh food, cheap wine and the quiet life — is proving a heady stimulant to travel writers. The guide books come ever thicker and faster. These latest claim to cover south west France, but are actually complementary since they split the region between them. Dana Facaros and Michael Pauls, take us on a jaunt over the highways and byways of the Dordogne and the Lot et Garonne. In rather more schoolmasterly fashion, Andrew Sanger, now into his second edition, proclaims the virtues of Aquitaine, Gascony and the Pyrenees. The overlap is the Bordeaux wine region which, quite properly, is given close attention in both books.

The chatty approach of Facaros and Pauls makes for easy consumption of a mass of detail. They are particularly good on how to get from A to B and where to stop off on the way. (*Barry Turner*)

Scotland's Highlands and Islands, by Richenda Miers (Cadogan Guides, £9.99)

Like the Hebridean island of Eigg, good in parts. Long on information but short on personal enthusiasm and spirit of place. Handicapped by too much history and a desire to be all things to all travellers. A useful McMug's guide for first timers, but a mite too bland for Scotophiles who prefer the seaweedy tang of an Islay malt to a watered-down Lowland blend. (*Alasdair Riley*)

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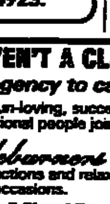
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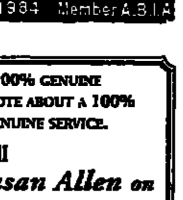
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SW 1 is home but travels are a favourite pastime. My acknowledged prof success has definately overshadowed my social life and now, mid 30's, good looking, independent, kind, spontaneous yet responsible, it would be nice to meet peole like me for fun and friendships at whatever level. If you are 30 / 45, an achiever, probably prof or entrepreneurial, well educated, totally solvent, sincere and in need of some good, honest, entertaining female company. Genuine responses please - no time for Walter Mitty types ! Informative letters Please Reply to Box No 1048

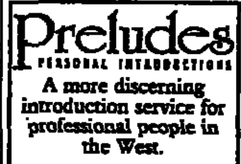
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ANDREW 41, 5'6", single, solvent, GSOH, N/S: WLTM quiet, attractive woman for romantic relationship. South London. Please Reply to Box No 1033

APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of mistress to a busy executive. Previous post holder has resigned, breaking my heart in the process. Ideal candidate will be 25-30, curvy, slimmish and blonde. Previous experience not essential as training can be given !! For further details send photo/Tel no/letter or all three. Cheshire/Lancs area preferred. P S. I've never done this before either. Please Reply to Box No 1012

ARTISTIC (London) male, sensitive, unconventional, romantic 50's, seeks slim, artistic, sweet natured female for happiness, love, life. Photo essential. reply to Box No 0998

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ATTRACTIVE Academic Aesthete (34, based Norwich) seeks beautiful brilliant brunette (ono). Kindly reply to Box 0964.

AUSTRALIAN Business orientated, 40, attractive, caring, GSOH. Interests - homelife, keeping fit, food and wine, philosophy, music, seeks attractive, honest, petite lady. view - marriage. Midlands area. Please Reply to Box No 0877

BRIGHT, attractive, articulate, n/s, graduate man, physically and mentally fit, loves learning and challenges. Seeks vivacious 40s/50s female counterpart to share mutual enjoyment of arts, music, countryside, serious & amusing conversation & more. London area. Plse reply with photo to Box No 1119

CANADIAN, 28, Phd. Successful professional, honest, kind, romantic, wide interests. Seeks intelligent, N/S, West European lady under 30 for marriage. Reply W/photo to Box No 0910

CELT, 54, living E.Anglia seeks sensuous, lively woman to share hugs, walks, wine, arguments, love, friendship. Please Reply to Box No 1091

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DOMESTICATED slim cross dressing gentlemen, 45, missing dominant partner, seeks compatible lady to teach me obedience and respect. Lasting relationship sought. Please Reply to Box No 0852

DOWN TO EARTH. Mid 40's Yorkshire chap, friends say bordering on eccentric, looking for adventurous (reckless?) chappess, for wining dining and departing, home or away. Throw caution to the wind. RSVP with photo and phone number to Box No 0884

ENGLISH gentleman 46, unattached, 5'11", S.E. based, handsome, wealthy, GSOH, seeks country loving younger soulmate who believes in honesty, loyalty and true love for a permanent relationship/ marriage. Box 0908

ETERNAL optimist. Very presentable C.London based widower, 51, healthy, wealthy and wise, superb lifestyle but oft-times a little lonely. Would like to hear from a very attractive and interesting young lady who might appreciate the friendship and company of a mature man who knows his way around the block, values integrity and honesty, is amusing, patient and attentive and knows how to treat a lady. I hope you will send a photo with your letter (I'm worth it) to Box No 1100

HANDSOME lawyer, 27, tall intelligent witty and untypical seeks cultured kind cosmopolitan female 24-30. London/ Yorks. Box No 0917

FUN loving, attractive and athletic professional Englishman 42 in West London/Surrey seeks similar female companion 30-40 to pamper during the day to restaurants, galleries, walks, golf and tennis in town and country. Photo to Box No 0836

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GENTLEMAN, Latin Descent, 48, separated, GSOH, always lived and worked in SE Kent. Financially secure. Seeks beautiful lady from London/SE, 27-35, able to return the qualities of devotion, honesty and respect which encourages a loving relationship. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so please send photo which guarantees a reply. Reply to Box No 0820

GENTLEMAN, young fifties, looks O.K., kind and solvent, homes in France and Spain but London based, seeks female, early forties, slim and attractive, for normal caring relationship, non smoker. Please reply in confidence with photograph to Box No 0993

GREEK International Consultant educated 37 good looking London based much travelled sincere, witty, loving romantic with interests including dining out, theatre, cinema, Sundays out, cosy nights in. Seeks a special love (25-35) for companionship, romance and a future. Please write to me Box No 0922

GREGARIOUS tall successful professional man 44 seeks attractive sophisticated woman 35/49 for amusing dinners and light-hearted friendship. London. Please Reply with photo/phone to Box No 0920

HANDSOME gentleman 49 6'2, slim, N/S, v/intelligent with GSOH, wishes to meet eligible tall dark - haired, professional lady with view to long term relationship. Hants / Surrey / Sussex. Please Reply to Box No 1062

HANDSOME athletic 45 ish medical specialist seeks attractive relaxed lady 30 ish for friendship, warmth and emotional intimacy. Central London. Photo helpful. Please Reply to Box No 0963.

HOVE/Brighton based. Someone equally free,genuine & honourable. Truly only of about 5 alone. Truly very trim. Truly of notable proportion. Someone searching long term for a happier, easy going, carefree life, free to move in, positive, on going, meaningful, happy, caring, lasting relationship. Approx 35-47 yrs 5'5"-5'8" Please Reply to Box No 1025

HUMOROUS attractive solvent N/S prof man WLTM N/S petite 38-46 pussycat into food, classical music, theatre, fireside, reading, skiing and walking. Phone no and returnable photo ALA. W London/ Hants/ Surrey. Box No 0775

IN alphabetical order - affectionate, agnostic, cosmopolitan, foreign, forty-three, healthy, honest, loving, N/S, pleasant-looking, slim, solvent, sincere, tall man WLTM incurious, unquestioning woman, residing in Battersea, Chelsea, Fulham, Kensington, or Westminster, to share lonely evenings and Sundays with. Reply/ and photo appreciated to Box No 0911

LONDON based, slim, personable well preserved, professional (early 60's) seeks attractive, sensuous, sophisticated, younger, (under 45) non-feminist female of any nationality who appreciates the qualities of an older man. Recent photograph guarantees reply. Box No 0949

LONDON based Asian business man seeking lady companion for parties and travel. Please Reply to Box No 0819

NORFOLK- Professional male (41). Well preserved and amicably seperated seeks new female friends. Looking for fun, frivolity and hopefully romance. Photo apprec. but not essential. Please Reply to Box No 0866

NORMAL sensible woman under 42ish, attractive, sensual, with a sense of humour and who likes dogs and horses. (South Bucks) A photo may help. Please reply to Box No 0876

NOTTS based Lancs exile, tall slim PhD. N/S practical solvent. Divorced 59 GSOH. Will move S or W for younger lady loving music and countryside. Please Reply to Box No 0878

OXBRIDGE graduate mid fifties, well travelled and apparently good looking! 6ft tall. Interests in theatre, eating out, country pubs and a little tennis and golf. Seeks attractive slim independent lady similar interests. Located Central London but happy to travel. Photo appreciated. Box No 1068

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50 SOMETHING, 5 ft 8, smoker, nevertheless seeks lady interested in travel & current affairs. Preferably SE. 40 something, attractive, slim ..but like me neither a tourist nor poor, nor pretentious. Lets exchange phone numbers. Reply to Box No 0871

SUCCESSFUL Handsome, Bucks based entrepreneur. 35, seeks gorgeous, glamorous, affectionate lady, 25-38, must like entertaining, travel, and fun ! I am solvent, dependent-free, and looking for the right lady. Please reply with recent photo. Reply to Box No 0838

TALL, slim, male graduate, youthful 56, n/s, divorced, well travelled linguist, intelligent, articulate, GSOH, caring, tactile, solvent, Sussex-based, seeks female for exhilarating, heart-warming relationship. Photo preferred/returned. Please Reply to Box No 0787

TALL slim London racing fan, 38, WLTM similar female for racedays and dinner. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 1083

TIMES Crossword addict, 40s, distinguished looks, Doctor, seeks beautiful lady for long winter evenings solving the more abstruse clues! 50 mile radius of Liverpool. Photo essential. Box No 1069

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VERY attractive professional man, 44, slim, educated, successful, London based, seeks sensual, intelligent female, any age / nationality, for romance, travel and adventure. Photo helpful. Please Reply to Box No 1115

VERY successful good looking, young Company Chairman 38. Funny, sporty, fashion conscious, kind, free spirited, enjoys perfect life style, travel, restaurants, cars etc. Seeks the perfect girl to pamper. Possibly Spanish, Italian or South American. Must be very attractive, intelligent, fun no hang ups and likes doing exciting things spontaneously. Age 20-32. You wont be disappointed, genuine replies only. Photo essential. Please Reply to Box No 0825

WIDOW/ SINGLE lady wanted for comfort & company for widower (47) with two children (boarding). Traditional values & desire for quiet country life preserved. Please Reply to Box No 1044

WILL someone please convince warm witty tall good-looking man (52) that bright, slim (12 max), attractive women enjoying classics & jazz, Radio 4, good food & drink, the great outdoors, TLC, humour & other clichés still exist in Surrey & S.E. Photo ess for reply. Box No. 0914

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CHESS

by Raymond Keene

A NEW link has been forged between the two greatest British players of the past and present, namely Howard Staunton (1810-1874) and Nigel Short. Staunton was the only British player who could lay claim to being the world champion of his day. His greatest playing triumph came when he defeated the French master St. Amant in a set match in Paris in 1843.

Staunton went on to display polymathic talents when he organised the first ever international chess tournament, London 1851, to write a number of best-selling chess books, including his famous *Chessplayers Handbook*, to conduct the most informative chess column of the day, in the *Illustrated London News*, to edit an edition of Shakespeare and to prepare a giant work on the British educational system.

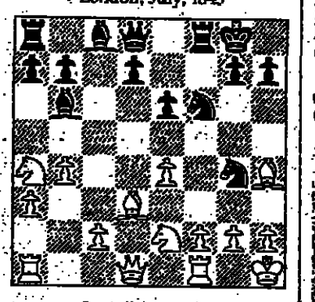
Sadly, Staunton now languishes unrecognised in a virtually anonymous grave in London's Kensal Green cemetery. His last resting place is marked solely by an iron spike jutting from a bank of mud, and by a reference on the cemetery's own internal map.

To rectify this situation a group of enthusiasts have come together to found the Staunton Society, of which Nigel Short is the first President. The aim is to raise sufficient funds to erect a fitting headstone and monument to Staunton in the cemetery grounds. The first step will be the inaugural Staunton Society black tie dinner to be held at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, London, on the evening of Tuesday November 1st.

Chess celebrities to have been invited include Jeremy Hanley MP, Chairman of the Conservative Party and Parliament's strongest chessplayer, former Prime Minister Lord Callaghan, Tim Rice, Carol Vorderman, Daniel King and all the leading British Grandmasters. The dinner costs £30 and the menu will have a chess theme based on one of the great 19th century chess banquets. There will also be an auction of chess memorabilia including manuscripts, drawings and antique books. Those wishing to support this venture and attend the dinner should contact the organiser, Brian Clivaz at Simpson's-in-the-Strand. There will only be 100 paying places available and tickets will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Here is an example of Staunton's brilliance as a chessplayer at its best.

White: Kennedy; Black: Staunton
London, July, 1845



Staunton launches his counter-attack by means of a splendid queen sacrifice to corner the white king.

14 ...	Nxe4	15 Bxd8	Nexd2+		
16 Kg1	Nf3+	17 Kh1	Ng2+		
18 Rxf2	Nxf2+	19 Kg1	Be3		

Amazingly, Black can play this quiet move to augment his attack, even though he is a queen in arrears.

20 Qb1	Nd1+	21 Kh1	Rf1+		

White resigns

The Staunton Society is based at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, the traditional home of chess and one of Staunton's own favourite venues. Founding membership of the society is £100 and is only available in the first year. Corporate membership costs £250 and individual membership is £25 per annum.

Benefits to members will include regular evenings with a chess, Shakespearean or educational theme as well as a twice-yearly newsletter. For full details contact Brian Clivaz, Simpson's-in-the-Strand, 100 The Strand, London.

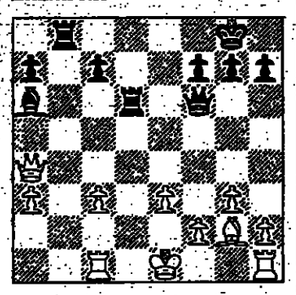
WINNING MOVE

This position is a variation from the game Pentium Genius - Anand, Intel Grand Prix, London, 1994. Viswanathan Anand, the eventual runner-up in the Intel Grand Prix, halted the advance of the computer program which had earlier defeated world champion Garry Kasparov. What was his winning move in this position?

Send your answers on a postcard to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine book. The answer will be published next Saturday.

Solution to last week's competition: 1 ... Rxe3+.

Last week's winners are: G Steadman, London NW9; T M Dutton, Ivybridge, Devon; G Diaz, London SE3.



PUNCHLINE

READERS are invited to write an amusing caption for the cartoon on the right. The cartoon, from the Punch library, includes the contemporary caption.

The cartoon will be printed again next week on the Games page with a caption selected from those submitted.

Caption suggestions, on a postcard please, should be addressed to: Cartoon caption 25, Weekend Games Page, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The editor's decision is final.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday, October 5.



HAPPY THOUGHT.

Papa. "Well, Master Tom, and so the Tories are going to be Crowned to-morrow. What shall we call them?" *Tom (delighted at the Mother's fashionable proclivities).* "If we want to please Mamma, we'll rather call them *Marshall and Snelgrove's!*"



"Look, Mummy, it's the new shopping adviser for Whitemoor jail."

The winning caption for last week's cartoon (printed above) was submitted by Mr W.J. Morris, of Talybont-on-Usk, Brecon, Powys.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ASCARIS
a. East African hunters
b. A tape-worm
c. An Alpine shrub

BLIN
a. An apron
b. A spy
c. A pancake

CHAMISO
a. An embroidered vest
b. A shrub
c. A camel/mule cross

DINKEL
a. A species of wheat
b. To cheat
c. A walking stick

Answers on page 21

COMPUTER GAMES

SIX men hit British television screens and revolutionised comedy 25 years ago to the month — *Monty Python's Flying Circus* was airborne. Now we're about to be swamped by celebratory spin-offs. To name but a few there's the book, *The Life of Monty Python*; the compilation album *The Ultimate Monty Python Rip Off*; the NFT season "The Python Periphery"; and, of course, the CD-ROM computer game, from 7th Level, *Monty Python's Complete Waste of Time*.

The game relies heavily on Pythonesque graphics and the man responsible for the Python originals, Terry Gilliam, has been consulted along the way. *Complete Waste of Time* boasts a bit of everything with an "interactive comedy show", including new animations, favourite sketch sequences (remember Dead Parrot, Cheese Shop, Argument Clinic, Nudge Nudge?), plenty of songs and spoofs of arcade games featuring flying pigs, hammer-wielding madwomen and flatulent chickens.

The only real gaming element is entitled The Secret of Intergalactic Success and takes place in six interactive animated scenarios - Exploratorium, Exploding TV Room, Stage, Brain, Corridor and Portrait Gallery. You search for a series of challenges and hidden clues which, once completed, lead you to the complex master puzzle.

The title also incorporates a "Desktop Pythonizer", which allows Python customisation of your computer, with 40 classic dialogue lines and sound effects, interchangeable icons (Spam, chickens, policemen), pre-recorded telephone messages and 20 Python screensavers.

And now for something completely different. Philips this week announce their latest CD-i titles — *Life Without Monty Python*, *Invasion From The Planet Skyron* and *More Naughty Bits*. The first allows you to take part in two classic Python sketches, Dead Parrot and Argument Clinic, by muting the voice of one of the actors and delivering their lines instead. The second is some kind of game, apparently. The third looks set to be the best title, a selection of clips and sketches from the original television series and all the movies (such as *The Meaning of Life* and *The Holy Grail*) and, best of all, the disc can be programmed to play in four different languages. Now you're talking!

THE RESPONSE to Cyberspace Nine, in which we asked you to review any sporting title, has seen nominations for many titles. Typical was this entry from Keith Norton, of Haywards Heath, West Sussex, who nominated Electronic Arts' John Madden football series (Sega Mega Drive) and was clearly something of a super-fan.

He reported: "The original game is skeletal in the extreme. I got the feeling that although the ideas are good, an underdeveloped and sometimes abrupt theme hindered the gameplay. However, two years later, rejuvenation and redefining have produced a mainstay format — now you get to play with the big boys in a full selection of team and play options with Madden himself giving you top playing tips and team reviews."

The most recent version, released this year, includes video replay and extensive statistics. Keith Norton concludes: "This is an all-round, professional package encompassing a slick and addictive game."

Next week we'll announce our three winners of Cyberspace Nine.

BRIDGE

by Albert Dormer

AN APTITUDE for bridge and for music often go together, and this is unsurprising. The relationship between music and number has been recognised since the time of Pythagoras, while Plato regarded both music and maths as descriptions of reality. Music in all cultures has been based upon the octave, which seems to suggest that there must be a neurological factor.

Many composers and virtuosos, including Sigmund Romberg and Alfredo Campoli, have been fanatical bridge players. More recently, August Boehm's annual piano recitals at Carnegie-Weill have been sell-outs, but he prefers to spend most of his time teaching bridge and writing about it in *The Contract Bridge Bulletin*. One of his avid readers is another concert pianist, Leonard Pennario.

Two of today's leading players provide another link. For the past week they have been striving, in separate formations, to make bridge history by winning the world pairs championship for a second time.

Gabriel Chagas of Rio comes from a musical family and is a fine singer. He has a master's degree in actuarial maths and he trades in international debt for a living. His partner in Albuquerque is Marcelo Branco.

Eric Rodwell is an accomplished pianist who as a small child surprised his parents with his great appetite for practice sessions, and at four years old surprised them again with an intense interest in numbers. He has a master's degree in corporate financial analysis, but bridge has always been his real job.

Rodwell is a major theorist whose ideas on bidding, he says, have been strongly influenced by the Fibonacci series — a numerical sequence named after a 13th-century Florentine mathematician — in which each number is the sum of the preceding two, as in 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13 and so on. The series is often used by composers as a basis for pitch selection.

At tournaments he may often be heard playing Scott Joplin rags in the small hours, and it has to be said that Rodwell the entertainer is a whole lot more absorbable than Rodwell the theorist. His system extends to 300 pages — 15 for each year of his partnership with Meckstroth, though both are still in their thirties. "And it's still evolving," Rodwell says. "We've had a lot of fun with it." But few others have.

Yet he deprecates the more recent arcana of other experts. "Not good for bridge," he says, apparently with no conscious irony.

Rodwell's gadgets, although numerous, are admittedly not mind-bending. The Support Double is an example: in a competitive sequence the double of an opponent's call is not for penalty but shows three-card support for partner's suit:

W	N	E	S
1♦	No	1♥	2♠
Dble			

West's double shows specifically three hearts: a direct raise of hearts would show four or more. In a contested auction the distinction between three and four trumps in partner's hand is of some importance.

In a normal competitive sequence, a handy guide is that you should bid up to the level of the total number of trumps held by you and your partner. Thus, with nine trumps you may contest to the three level. If you do not make the contract, you will usually be saving something.

The usefulness of this rule is limited by the difficulty in standard bidding of gauging the precise number of trumps held; that's where the Support Double comes into its own.

This hand was played in the Naturals v Scientists match:

Dealer North — North-South vul.

	♠J 10 7 ♥10 3 ♦K 5 2 ♣Q 10 8 4 2	
♠A ♥A 8 5 ♦J 10 8 6 3 ♣A 7 6 5	N W E S	♠3 2 ♥K Q J 9 ♦A 9 7 4 ♣K 9 3
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W	N	E	S
Forrester	Rodwell	Robson	Meckst.
	No	1♥	1♠
2♠	Dble	No	3♠
No	No	Dble	No
No	No		

Opening lead: ♦J

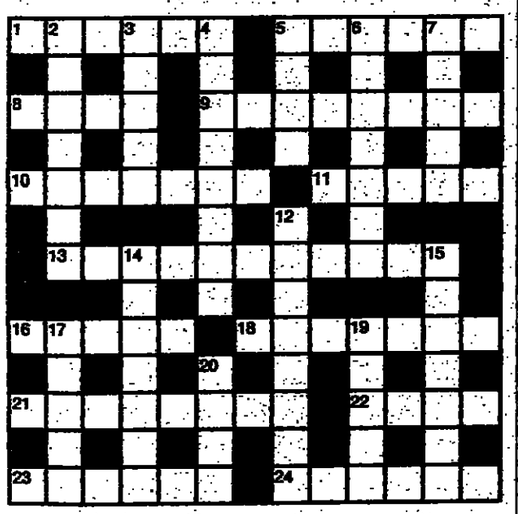
Rodwell's support double of 2♠ was certainly a convenient way to indicate three cards in partner's suit. Meckstroth could now count on ten spades in the two hands. At equal vulnerability this might have indicated a save at the level of 4♠. As it was, Meckstroth's obstructive effort of 3♠ in the teeth of his opponents' powerful sequence was a daring enough move.

But it was not rash. Meckstroth could count on six spade tricks in his hand, courtesy of the support double. West was unlikely to have forced with a misfit in hearts, so there was every likelihood that the dummy would furnish at least one ruffing trick. Meckstroth's gambit paid off when East-West failed to locate their 9-card diamond fit, in which game could have been made, settling instead for what seemed likely to be a one-trick penalty from 3♠ doubled.

At the table, however, the defence slipped and Meckstroth was allowed to make his contract. It was certainly a great triumph for the support double, although not a typical example of its use.

● Rodwell and Chagas were well in contention early in the World Championship. The result will appear in Monday's bridge column.

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



No 281

ACROSS
1 Exit (6)
5 Imposing (6)
8 Scam; sloping path (4)
9 A prompt (8)
10 Detach; succeed (with) (4,3)
11 Lucky success (5)
13 Where one may please oneself (7,4)
16 Horrify (5)
18 Emergency method of communication (3,4)
21 Becoming, proper (8)
22 Masticate (4)
23 Portable computer (6)
24 Formal gesture of acknowledgement (6)

DOWN
2 Little-by-little (7)
3 Drive out (5)
4 Certain to succeed (4-4)
5 Fighting force (4)
6 Bundles of nerve-cells (7)
7 Cut of beef for grilling (5)
12 Plot summary (8)
14 Demonstrate truth (of) (4,3)
15 Merciful (7)
17 Sculpture/painting of dead Christ (5)
19 In the immediate area (5)
20 Liquid starter (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 280

ACROSS: 5 Bow and scrape 8 Feeble 9 Tom-cat 10 Tidy 12 Bellows 14 Pension 15 Grit 17 Astute 18 Rip off 20 Investigator

DOWN: 1 Object-lesson 2 Swab 3 Ash-tree 4 Premolar 6 Need 7 Play with fire 11 Disquiet 13 Poverty 16 Trug 19 Pith

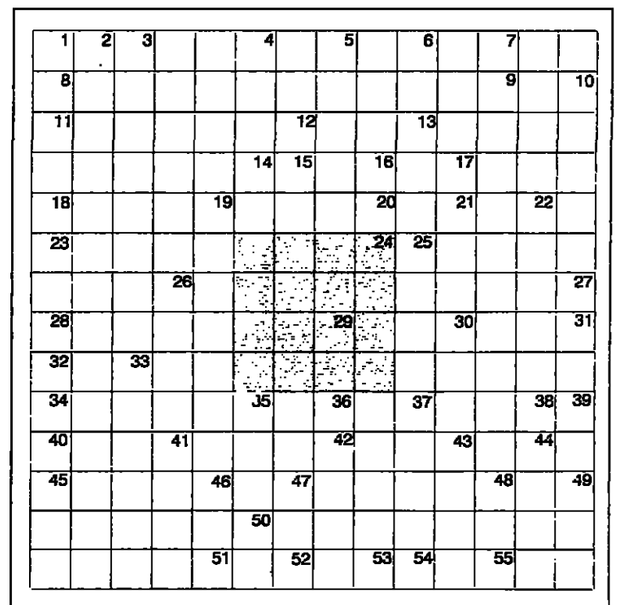
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THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

No. 3273: Force 10, by Llig

Lights, which may overlap, are entered in straight lines, starting at the indicated numbered square, as bishops or rooks in chess. Around the perimeter is a pertinent stage direction, in which three consecutive words have been replaced by an x. The missing words, including a three letter overlap should be entered conventionally in the shaded central squares.

CLUES
1 Plaster finial at top of roof (4)
2 Take away chicken — it's all you need (4)
3 Enteral disorder that goes on and on (7)
4 Add almost everything to arrive at it (5)
5 The opposition is enough to mortify a saint (5)
5 In revelry there's a bit of turbulence around the capital (5)
6 Near Eastern dress has cooler covering for the backside (6)
7 On twists of wire they float (7)
8 Fix a fight (5)
9 Hinder a praying insect driving horse away (4)
10 Wages for service that sounds more superior (4)
11 He'll steal without breaking in but he's troublesome if he's taken (10)
12 A small antler to make an impression after butt (7)
13 Wave submerges leader of trekkers in ice-field (5)
14 High up in a gallery (5)
15 Flashy type embraced by Sheila, irresistibly (4)
16 Plant found by river in marshy land (4)
17 Fantastic painter portraying end of elk by river (4)
18 Answer lies in much relief — here's a first instalment (6)
19 Object of admiration that's overthrown by King the worse for drink (5)
20 Pluck me a collection of flowers (6)
21 Two-wheeler leads the railway — there's a challenge (6)
22 Figure that's more pleasing seen from behind (5)
23 Impudent silly fellow loses his shirt for a pound (4)
23 Old-fashioned type follows Canterbury's lead from pew (5)
24 Robber uses knife to stun young child (6)
25 Part of a helmet useful to Saladin as a lancer (5)
26 Wrongly assess road's local tax (7)
26 A lot must intermix to produce half-castes (8)
27 Faithful dependable ally will always show it (4)
28 A trial is in progress (5)
29 In company, head of receiver's entered in charge . . . (6)
30 . . . Oh dear! There's something missing (5)
31 Canoe's overturned by large sea (5)
32 Gaul's confusion gives the Balkans something to dance about (5)
33 Tunnel leading to tombs in Syria by way of a cross (6)
33 Lonely female northern bird (5)
34 An irritation to vex one — the Council of Europe (7)
35 The sound of a cry — it might cover baby's head (4)
36 Long ship that's broad and slow (5)
37 Part of a joint, tender but not red, included in menu (5)
37 Scots fabric, a touch of tartan, with tiny line (5)
38 The energy contained in engine casing for thrust (5)
39 Record in architectural fashion in the architrave (8)
40 Lodgings for fashionable partners (4)
41 Rip to pieces — the result of giving child a headless teddy (6)
42 Drama students comeback for part of winter season (4)
43 Agonised torment might be met with it (4)
44 Pipes played by a Scot with no top to chaunter (4)
45 Its yielded by noisy expectoration (3)
46 A drubbing one hears for the hose (3)
47 Covered by refuse it's in a mess that's inevitable (7)
48 Get corrupted, after losing last bit of trust (6)
49 Canterbury for example, leads a way for the canon (8)
50 A decorated gilt bit of epaulette that dangles (6)
51 There's an old-fashioned roar when iron's mishit (4)
51 It can make notes roar (9)
52 Enormous American state — a place of debauchery (5)
52 See the telly — it lacks nothing (4)
53 One of the sages denoted by brightness but lacking sex appeal (5)
54 Composed a note after it was spoken by Milton (6)
55 Enter in the journal when Princess gets a comeuppance (7)



LISTENER CROSSWORD No. 3273

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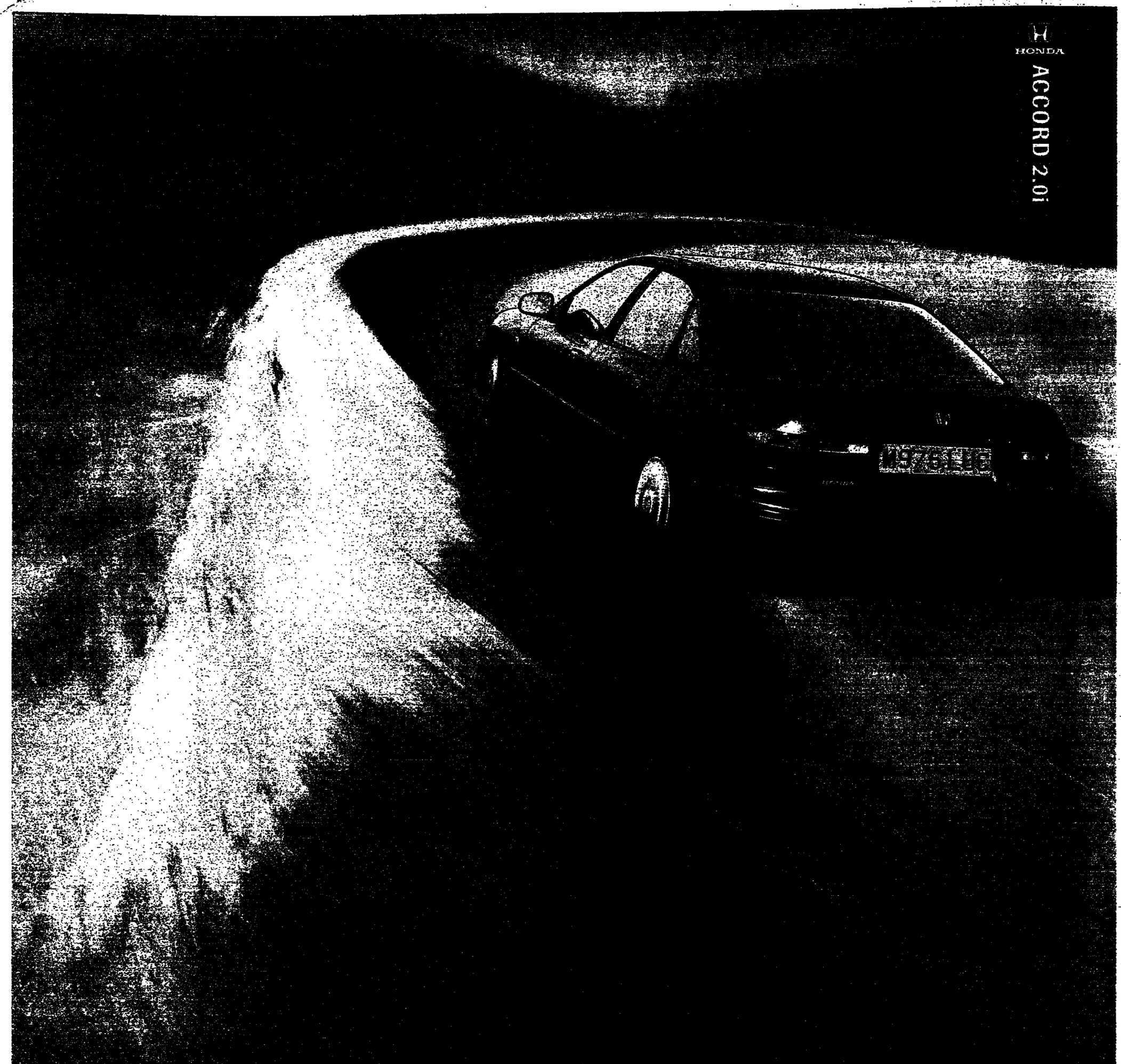
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Solution to Crossword No. 3270
Absence of Character
by Symphonia

The song "*God Save The King*" first appeared, according to the *New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, in the *Harmonia Anglicana* of 1744 and was arranged and published by *Thomas Arne* the following year.

Where letters are removed from the lights before entry into the grid each occurrence of the particular letter must be erased but only counts once when going to make up the names *Ludwig van Beethoven* and *Edward Elgar* both of whom used this theme in their works.

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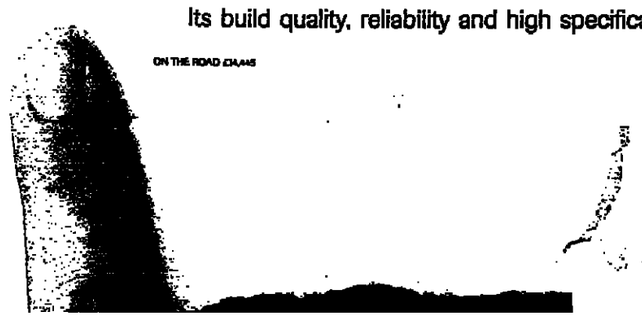
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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — SATURDAY OCTOBER 1 1994

Growth in prices and industrial output eases

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE growth in industrial output and prices eased slightly in September, raising hopes that inflationary pressures may be less severe than Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, had feared.

With the upsurge in commodity prices, the spearhead of inflation, showing signs of weakening, there are growing hopes in the City that any further rise in interest rates may be deferred until the new year.

In the first snapshot of economic trends throughout September, the purchasing managers' index yesterday showed growth remaining strong, but easing slightly during the past month. The main index, which reflects growth in the level of industrial inputs, eased a fraction to 59.6. However, growth remains strong, with the index ahead of the zero-growth mark of 50 for the 22nd consecutive month.

The prices index eased to 69.0 per cent, from 70.7 per cent in August. Although 45 per cent of purchasing managers reported higher prices, with paper, plastics and packaging leading the way, the rate of increase does appear to have eased. Michael Saunders, UK economist at Salomon Brothers, said that the findings contained good news for the economy on two counts. "It tends to suggest that the inflation danger is not that great," he said. "And with growth a little easier, capacity constraints may be less."

Evidence of a modest reduction in the rate of growth was confirmed by the suppliers' delivery times index. Although lead times remain stretched, reflecting capacity constraints, this measure too slipped back towards the centre point, from 35.9 to 37.9 per cent. Supply problems continued across a range of inputs, however, including steel, electronics, paper, plastics and packaging. In spite of signs of an impending slowdown in the rate of growth, output continued to grow very strongly last month, according to Britain's purchasing managers.

The output index increased, to 60.8 per cent, indicating expansion every month for 25 months. Order books remain strong. The new orders index remains very positive, although it eased a touch to 60.6, the third successive month of decline.

After two years of recovery, the purchasing managers are now indicating that the rate at which industry is hiring employees has picked up. The managers' employment index reached 56.5 in September, from 54.2 per cent in August. But the rise in the employment index began a year after the increase in output, suggesting that the recovery in demand for labour is only just getting into its stride.

Peter Thomson, director-general of the Institute of Purchasing & Supply, said that growth in manufacturing remained strong. However, the "recent surge" in factory activity has eased slightly, he said.

In regional terms, the recovery appears broadly based. The strongest growth was registered in the North, with the South East and East Anglia challenging closely for second place. The Midlands, Wales and the South West have recorded growth significantly below them in the past two months, although taken over 12 months, the record is similar.

Recognising the concern over inflation, the institute is planning to introduce a forward-looking inflation indicator for the first time next month.

But those figures are likely to be overshadowed by the broadly-based quarterly industrial trends survey from the Confederation of British Industry, to be published on October 25.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3026.3	(+33.8)
Yield	4.18%	
FT-SE A All share	1510.97	(+10.89)
Nikkei	19663.81	(-51.31)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3867.75	(+13.12)*
S&P Composite	464.52	(+2.29)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¼%*	(4¾%)
Long Bond	96²⁄₃₂*	(96)
Yield	7.84%*	(7.85%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	5⅞%	(5⅞%)
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New York:		
$	1.5770*	(1.5781)
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London:		
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NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Nov)	$16.95	$16.80

GOLD

London close	$394.25	$395.25

* denotes midday trading price

Crime rises

A senior official from the Bank of England has said in a speech in Madrid that an increase in criminal activity, most notably fraud, in developed countries is now a threat to the world's banking system Page 24

Coal bidders

Ross Tieman profiles Malcolm Edwards and Richard Budge, the head of Coal Investments and RJB Mining, who are expected to emerge as leading figures in the coal industry when the winning bids in the British Coal privatisation are announced Page 25

Bank acquires commercial arm of NHL

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

NATIONAL Home Loans, the mortgage lender, has sold its crippled commercial mortgage subsidiary to the Bank of England for £1, the Bank's first financial acquisition since its rescue of Johnson Matthey Bankers a decade ago.

The Bank confirmed for the first time that it has supported NHL's National Mortgage Bank (NMB) for more than three years. The bank was one of several small lenders hit by a liquidity crisis after the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International in July 1991.

The acquisition leaves the Bank of England with a £360 million exposure to NMB's bad loan book — the value of NMB's assets shown in its latest accounts. Bank sources say, however, that they are confident it will recover most of that by running down the assets of NMB. The recovery will be overseen by Graham Kentfield, the Bank's chief cashier whose signature appears on English banknotes, who has joined NMB's board.

The sale of NMB is a further step in the reconstruction of NHL, which was brought to the brink of financial disaster by the housing recession.

The Bank confirmed yesterday that the bulk of its £115 million provisions, shown in its annual report for the year to end-February 1993, were in respect of NMB, whose liabilities were underwritten by the Bank. Those provisions fell to £105 million in 1994.

A Bank spokesman said yesterday that the acquisition formalises its relationship to NMB and its separation from NHL. In 1991, when NMB suffered a heavy outflow of short-term deposits, the Bank initially guaranteed a £200 million loan provided by a syndicate of clearing banks.

In 1992, it became clear that, unlike some of the other banks which received support, NMB's situation was not just a short-term liquidity problem, the facility was increased and extended and the Bank took over funding directly rather than acting as guarantor.

In February 1992, NHL said it had decided to run down the NMB business with a view to surrendering its banking licence in due course and would make no further investment in the business. Five months later, NHL unveiled pre-tax losses of £85.9 million for the six months to March 31, after loss provisions of £79.4 million. Of this, £52 million related to NMB, which has been held as worthless in NHL's balance sheet since then.

Bank of England sources said the Bank's strategy will be to recover the assets. In the year to September 30, 1993, NMB's balance sheet shows total assets of £360 million, financed by deposits and loans of roughly the same amount.

Jonathan Perry, chairman of NHL, said the disposal formalises something that had already taken place. He said: "It helps us in presentational terms, as we had to consolidate the NMB figures. The consolidation did not give the clearest picture of hour housing business."

Following its problems in residential mortgages, NHL withdrew from lending in the summer of 1991. The following February, Mr Perry joined as chairman and NHL was bailed out by a £540 million refinancing deal in June 1992.

The company started lending again to new customers through a new subsidiary called Homeloans Direct in May. Mr Perry said the new business "is building up", although he did not disclose the number of new customers.

Yesterday's sale does not affect NHL's old mortgage business in which 40,600 customers are still paying far above the standard rates for lending. At the moment, these customers are paying 9.49 per cent — but following the recent rise in base rates, NHLC is passing on some of the rate rise with an increase in rates next week.

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PAUL SAUNDERS



Glory days: Martin Edwards, left, and Robin Launders, United's finance director, reported a leap to £10.8 million

Societies issue benefit warning

BY ROBERT MILLER

HOME repossessions will soar if the Government ends income support mortgage payments, according to a survey of Britain's top 20 mortgage lenders published today by Shelter, the housing charity.

The warning comes amid fears that the Government may be about to end an agreement made at a meeting between lenders and the Prime Minister in 1990. In return for direct payment of income support, lenders agreed not to repossess homes where mortgage interest is covered by the state.

The survey, carried out by *ROOF Briefing*, a housing magazine, said 18 of the 20 lenders, which account for 80 per cent of all home loans and include the Halifax, Abbey National, Nationwide and the Woolwich, warned that any move to cut income support mortgage payments "will be taken as a green light to abandon the agreement".

All 20 participants said that the agreement had allowed them to prevent repossessions. They also warned that private insurance will prove an unworkable alternative for low-income and other high-risk borrowers, and that lending costs in general would have to rise. First-time buyers, often regarded as the engine of the housing market, will be put off entering the market.

Tim Dwelly, editor of *ROOF*, said: "Lenders are warning that repossession and arrears figures are likely to rise ... and the entire housing market may go into decline, with prices falling and mortgage costs rising."

Gary Marsh, of the Halifax, said: "If the Government reneges on its agreement repossessions will certainly increase."

The Department of Social Security said that no decision on cuts in benefit payments had been taken but confirmed "every aspect of expenditure is being looked at".

Man Utd profits outgrow ground

BY RODNEY HOBSON

ENGLAND'S football champions have grown too big for their ground. Manchester United, winners of the Premier League and holders of the FA Cup, are negotiating with the owners of land around Old Trafford in the hope of extending the ground. The club has 107,000 members and only 44,000 seats.

Martin Edwards, chief executive says: "We do not know how many people we are turning away each week. We played Wimbledon on a Wednesday night and the ground was full. We sold all the tickets for our next game against Everton six weeks ago."

Money will not be a problem in raising the roof. The club has £13 million in cash. It has already earned nearly £2 million from the European champions competition and could take another £6 million if it wins.

Those lucky enough to get a seat pay between £11 and £16 for the privilege, a 13 per cent increase on last season. For every £1 taken on the gate, another £1.50 comes in through merchandise, videos, sponsorship and television rights. If the worst comes to the worst, there is £4 million in the transfer kitty.

United made pre-tax profits of £10.8 million in the year to July 31 compared with £4.2 million in the previous season when £4 million was splashed out in transfer fees. Last year's net layout on new players was £675,000. Earnings per share rose from 24.3p to 61.1p.

Gate receipts rose from £10.7 million to £17.9 million, merchandising from £5.2 million to £14.2 million and sponsorship from £3.6 million to £4.7 million. Touche Ross, the accountants, valued the playing staff at £35 million against £30 million a year earlier. The final dividend of 14.5p makes 21p (19.5p). The shares added 9p to 694p.

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NatWest tests insurance by video link



Insuring on screen with NatWest's central sales staff

BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

NATIONAL Westminster is hoping to restore the personal touch to selling insurance by telephone — by putting sales staff on a high-technology video conference link.

In a pilot project, the bank's customers at ten branches can ask an on-screen expert about insurance policies. "This is only the beginning," a spokesman said. The bank plans to expand the video link service, perhaps to shopping malls.

The bank hopes that NatWest Insurance Services staff in Bristol will be able to sell policies to customers in branches throughout the country using the video link. Traditionally, these policies are sold by branch staff, who ring the Bristol experts with complex queries.

The project, Remote Access to Experts (Rate), has video links at branches in Lombard Street and Solihull, Walsall, Henley, Lichfield, Milton Keynes, Hitchin, Bedford, Peterborough and Cambridge.

NatWest said that if the pilot works, interactive video may be used for many products needing specialist knowledge.

Insurance expert and customer are linked via cameras mounted on computer monitors at the Bristol office and in the branch. Customers sit in front of the computer screen with a live picture of the insurance expert filling the left-hand side of the screen and the right-hand side containing sample insurance application forms, to be filled in jointly. Details given via the link to Bristol appear on screen for the customer to see.

NatWest said that 500 customers have used the video link, with 95 per cent saying that they liked it.

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BAe v VSEL: silence of the lambs

Why is it, one wonders, that so many directors are prone to the belief that the best way of protecting shareholders' interests is to impart as little information to the owners of the company as possible. Silence, for many, is undeniably golden; data a dish best served incomplete.

Thursday saw Lord Chalfont and his colleagues on the board of VSEL take a break from building warships and have a crack at the communication business. Surrounded, presumably, by a bevy of advisers, the powers that be at VSEL let it be known that they had "received an approach which may lead to a recommended offer". The talks, according to VSEL, were at a "very preliminary" stage. A "further announcement" was promised "in due course".

Best, it would seem, with a name such as VSEL and a pronouncement of this calibre, to stick to building weapons of war. Did it not occur to anyone that shareholders, quite conceivably, might be interested in knowing the identity of the corporation which is considering whether to make an offer for the company that they own?

Of course the thought occured, but VSEL and its advisers knew best. Quite possibly, the prospective bidder was a mite wallflowerish about such matters but, if VSEL's directors are to be entrusted to thrash out the best terms for shareholders, then they should be up to the task of insisting on clarification. Perhaps they were; perhaps they are just cagey people.

In the event it was left to the financial press to do VSEL's work with the likes of *The Times*, *the Financial Times and The Daily Telegraph* all disclosing that British Aerospace is the mystery suitor. Hardly, it has to be admitted, a revelation that will go down in the annals of investigative journalism, bearing in mind that, when it comes to the consolidators of the UK's defence industry, there are only two major players to choose from. One of these, namely GEC, enjoys significant cash resources, estimated at some £1.35 billion in house. Taking into account GEC's share of cash reserves in joint ventures the company's liquidity, assidiously guarded by Lord Weinstock, doubles to £2.8 billion. Such is the manner in which corporations should be financed. BAe, in contrast, has a penchant for rights issues, rather than cash conservation, and last month's mid-year results brought word of a £200 million cash outflow during the first half of 1994 despite the £800 million sale of Rover to BMW. Underlying profits trebled from £29 million to £90 million and, by way of a display of confidence in the wake of a three-year restructuring programme, the dividend was raised 21 per cent. SG Warburg chose to cut its pre-tax profit forecast for the full year from £190 million to £160 million, while predicting £254 million next year.

All of which brings us to the



MELVYN MARCKUS

cash within VSEL which amounted to some £325 million at the company's end-March financial year: a sum which would effectively eliminate BAe's net debt of £367 million as at end-June. Those who harbour a cynical disposition are unlikely to prove slow in perceiving BAe's overture as the first rumble of a disguised rights issue.

News of the talks initially sent VSEL's share price soaring 255p to a year's peak of 1,228p. This capitalised the company at some £465 million, with cash representing around 850p a share. That said, VSEL's share price has risen from a 12-month low of 788p and BAe can be expected to think long and hard before shelling out a significant premium above current market levels. Thoughts along these lines left VSEL's quote 18p lower yesterday at 1,210p.

BAe, as sure as little green missiles, will be offering shares rather than cash for VSEL, the Barrow-based manufacturer of Trident submarines which was floated off from the state owned British Shipbuilders in 1986. GEC, owner of the Yarrow shipyard, has the advantage of being able to offer greenbacks rather than paper. Then again, the Ministry of Defence might not enthuse over a GEC/VSEL amalgam, not least because Yarrow is the only major competitor to the Barrow-in-Furness shipyard. GEC will inevitably keep a close eye on developments although its stance in respect of entering a VSEL fray may ultimately depend on Lord Weinstock's strategy in respect of GEC's long term ambitions regarding BAe's defence operations.

In the event, GEC refuses to comment on market speculation, as, for that matter, does BAe.

Speculation yesterday added Vickers to the list of potential courter bidders although, in view of the reaction in VSEL's share price, such speculation smacked of the verbal, rather than share purchasing, variety.

Inquiries indicate that BAe is being advised by Kleinwort Benson, while VSEL is seeking comfort from Morgan Grenfell. Sparse as VSEL's statement was, *it can safely be assumed that BAe* is only prepared to bid on an agreed basis. Bob Bauman, BAe's newly appointed chairman, and Dick Evans, chief executive, can be expected to play down the disguised rights issue allegation which means that, if anything comes out of this "very preliminary" tete a tete, shareholders (who have been told precious little so far) will be deluged with examples of industrial synergy.

VSEL, which achieved an increase in 1993-94 pre-tax profits from £55.6 million to £61 million, accompanied by a *usefully* higher dividend, is currently competing for a £2.5 billion order to build the next flotilla of Trafalgar nuclear hunter-killer submarines for the Royal Navy. BAe's muscle would, in all probability, do no harm in the Trafalgar quest.

A BAe/VSEL deal would strengthen BAe's position as Europe's major defence contractor and there would undoubtedly be logic in adding BAe's system integration and naval systems to VSEL's *platform design and* building capabilities. VSEL, for its part, would gain a powerful foothold in the export market.

Time for a little official clarification.

Gestetner admits £6m swaps loss

GESTETNER, the office equipment group, has called in its auditors to investigate a £6.1 million loss incurred on interest rate swaps (Carl Mortished writes).

Gestetner has closed its position in two geared interest rate swaps of £20 million each: the cost of eliminating its exposure will hit the company's profits as an exceptional loss in the 14-month period to December 31.

Price Waterhouse is to investigate events that led to the purchase of the swaps in October and November last year.

Stephen King, finance director, said that the two-year swaps were intended to protect Gestetner from rising sterling and US dollar interest rates.

He added: "It is a decision that is regrettable and should not have been made."

Mr King said that the decision to purchase the swaps was made at management level, but, in future, a committee of the board would be consulted. Tempus, page 26

Rising fraud 'a threat to bank system'

By Colin Narbrough, World Trade Correspondent

CRIMINAL activity, particularly fraud, against the financial institutions of developed countries is on the increase and threatens the world's banking system, according to Brian Quinn, executive director of the Bank of England.

Mr Quinn's warning was delivered to an international banking conference in Madrid, which coincided with World Bank and International Monetary Fund meetings there attended by finance ministers and central bankers.

Mr Quinn, who is responsible for the financial stability arm of the Bank of England, acknowledged that the central bank supervisors had agreed in 1988 on international guidelines to help banks detect the laundering of drug money, but said other kinds of criminal activity that could be "every bit as damaging" to the world financial system are showing up more commonly.

Part of the increase in criminal activity, most notably fraud, involved financial institutions in countries where the systems of regulation and supervision had only recently been established and did not yet incorporate the safegurads found in the developed countries, Mr Quinn said.

"But it also has to be said that criminals in the more developed countries seem to have concentrated their attentions in recent years on either defrauding authorised financial institutions, or using these institutions to perpetrate fraud or other crimes on third parties," he said.

He said the work of the Bank of England's special investigations unit strongly suggested that such criminal behaviour was on the increase.

The formation in Britain of the financial fraud information network (FFIN), which links supervisors, regulators, police and other authorities, could, Mr Quinn proposed, serve as a basis for international co-operation.

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Rough going: Frank van Wezel, chairman of Hi-Tec Sports, the maker of rugged outdoor footwear and sports shoes, saw its shares fall by 32p, to 46p, on news of interim losses of £7.1 million (£776,000 profit) after a write-off on a disposal. The dividend is increased from 1.25p to 1.6p to reflect a change in the year end from January to April

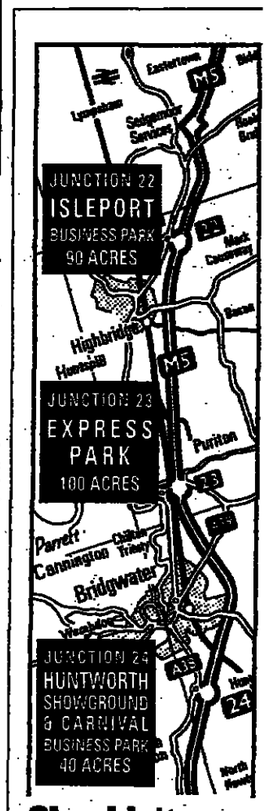
Government challenged on nuclear power

BRITAIN'S independent power station owners called on the Government to reject pleas for continued special treatment of nuclear power (Ross Tieman writes).

In submissions filed ahead of yesterday's deadline for views on the Government's review of the state-owned nuclear power industry, the Association of Independent Electricity Producers (AIEP) urges ministers to privatise nuclear — if they can.

The AIEP says it is clear electricity from new nuclear stations "would not be competitive in today's market".

"If the Government can find a way of privatising the nuclear companies, then those companies will be better equipped to respond effectively to future market signals," says David Porter, the AIEP chief executive.



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Pension-switchers risk return penalty

By Robert Miller

VICTIMS of bad pensions advice may not be able to buy back their benefits in their employers' schemes even if insurance companies are forced to make up the full cost, a survey out today says.

The survey, published by *Occupational Pensions* magazine, says that up to a quarter of schemes do not currently reinstate benefits of employees who turned their back on scheme membership and took out personal pensions.

A flood of applications for reinstatement in company schemes is expected late next month after the Securities and Investments Board, the chief city regulator, publishes its long-awaited report on how life companies should identify and compensate those investors who were given bad advice to transfer out of an occupational scheme.

The SIB and the life insurance industry are still discussing how best to administer the compensation process. This could cost up to £500 million, based on the estimate that 20 per cent of the 500,000 people who have transferred into personal pensions had been badly advised. The life industry, however, is refusing to set up a voluntary compensation scheme. This may mean that the Investors Compensation Scheme will have to administer the process. The ICS last night declined to comment.

The magazine says that it is feared that insurance companies will not pay full compensation without long negotiations. This could lead to extra administrative costs for schemes.

Warning for investors

MILLIONS of investors have been warned to check their financial advisers are still authorised to carry on business after the deadline for registering with the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) expired at *midnight last night* (Robert Miller writes).

The PIA is now the sole regulator for firms selling investments direct to the public. Firms that failed to apply for PIA membership but carry on trading are doing so illegally and face prosecution under the Financial Services Act 1986. Investors who do business with them will not be covered by the official Investors' Compensation Scheme. After a last-minute flurry of applications, the PIA said it had received about 4,800 applications out of an estimated 5,500.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Vernon Stankey, chief executive of Reckitt & Colman, admitted the decision to dispose of the 170-year-old Norwich food business had been heart wrenching. "My wife and children would not speak to me when I told them we had to sell Colman's . . ."

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.27	2.07
Austria Sch	19.19	16.88
Belgium Fr	53.39	46.89
Canada $	2.229	2.089
Cyprus Cypß	0.776	0.726
Denmark Kr	10.20	9.40
Finland Mkk	8.32	7.62
France Fr	8.63	8.13
Germany Dm	2.60	2.39
Greece Dr	388.00	363.00
Hong Kong $	12.84	11.84
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.96
Italy Lira	2655.00	2400.00
Japan Yen	170.90	163.50
Malta	0.917	0.562
Netherlds Gld	2.898	2.658
Norway Kr	11.28	10.48
Portugal Ese	260.00	241.50
S Africa Rd	REF.	6.50
Spain Pta	210.00	196.00
Sweden Kr	12.45	11.85
Switzerland Fr	2.16	1.89
Turkey Lira	REFER	51828.0
USA $	1.678	1.646

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Rail strikes hit Fortnum & Mason

Fortnum & Mason said trading had been affected by the rail strike and the unusually hot summer. However, Garry Weston, chairman, said export sales remained strong and provided consumer and business confidence was maintained through the important Christmas period, another record year was in prospect.

In the year to July 9, pre-tax profits rose to £2.3 million (£2 million) on sales of £27.6 million (£24.68 million). Earnings rose to 368p a share (311p) and the total dividend is increased to 110p a share (100p), with a second interim dividend of 24p.

Renishaw rises

Renishaw, the manufacturer of scientific instruments, reported the first tentative signs of an upturn in all its markets, including Japan and Germany, after a long period of recession. In the year to the end of June, pre-tax profits rose to £8.2 million (£7.14 million) with earnings rising to 12p a share (10.3p). There is a final dividend of 4.4p a share, making a total dividend of 6.9p (6.5p). A capitalisation issue of one share for every ten *held is proposed.*

Bland joins

Sir Christopher Bland is joining the board of NFC as director and chairman-designate to succeed James Watson who is retiring in December. Sir Christopher, veteran of the takeover battle by Granada for LWT Holdings where he was chairman until last February, joins NFC at a time of management upheaval after *the sudden resignation of* Peter Sherlock, NFC's chief executive, last month.

Chesterton leap

Chesterton International, the property consultancy group floated in June, said there was a slow but sustained recovery in the market. In the year to the end of June, taxable profits rose to £5.2 million from £3.8 million, with earnings rising to 7.1p a share from 5.8p. There is a dividend of 2p, raised from 1p. The shares were unchanged at 95p, against an issue price of 100p.

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COAL: Malcolm Edwards and Richard Budge

Rival torches aiming to rekindle an industry

Ross Tieman profiles two men who intend to breathe new life into Britain's coal mines by embracing the Government's privatisation plan





Coal faces: fired by British Coal, Malcolm Edwards, left, backed his view of the industry's future; while outsider Richard Budge saw mining as a new opportunity

Less than three years ago, Malcolm Edwards was on the beach, sacked from British Coal for speaking out about its dingy prospects. Today, he is bidding half a billion pounds to buy the heart of its business.

The turnround in the fortunes of Britain's best-known coalman could scarcely be greater. It reflects an astonishing fortitude and courage. But it also mirrors the extraordinary hiatus that is taking place, only half-noticed, in the British Coal industry.

In a few weeks time, Edwards, or his new rival Richard Budge, of RJB Mining, could be cutting coal worth a billion pounds a year. These are the men who have given credibility to the Government's coal privatisation policy. These are the faces of Britain's new coal-mining barons.

For the public, the coal crisis of autumn 1992 came out of nowhere, and it has since returned there. Thirty thousand miners faced the sack. Londoners marched, ministers chanted their "market forces" mantra, and Michael Heseltine intervened after his nightcap, to no effect. So far as the public is concerned, the coal industry is no more.

> "He warned that coal's market would be decimated; he was told to shut up"

In reality, however, it is still there, albeit halved in size. Edwards and Budge believe they can give these hefty remnants a future. And they are backing their belief with cash: their own, and that of the City.

Cometh the hour, cometh the men. Five years ago, Malcolm John Edwards was the commercial director of British Coal. Receiving visitors in the institutional atmosphere of its Hobart House headquarters in London, he would play the powerful administrator with deft delight.

His salesmanship was of the old-school too: a taste for good food and fine wine reflected the steady, long-standing relationships between British Coal and its customers at the Central Electricity Generating Board, in industry and among the coal merchants.

But the privatisation of the electricity generating industry shattered British Coal's complacent progress on productivity. The newly independent generators turned up their noses at the price of its coal, and placed orders for gas-fired power stations.

Neil Clarke, the wooden-faced hatchet man hired by the Government to whittle the Corporation down in line with tumbling demand, stepped up the pace of closures. But Edwards spoke out. With typically graphic language, he warned that coal's market was being decimated, and called on the Government to intervene. He was told to shut up. But the differences with his chairman became so deep that ultimately he was sacked, and forced to hire lawyers to secure a decent pay-off.

Cast out into the wilderness, Edwards swallowed his pride and began to make plans. British Coal, he judged, had a duff strategy. By closing the wrong mines, concentrating on producing finely ground coal for power stations, it was destroying its ability to service traditional customers, among both householders and industrial users in the cement, steel and chemicals sectors.

The Government's decision to offer surplus mines for leasing and licensing by private operators would give him a chance to prove himself right.

Enter, stage left, Richard John Budge. A Lincolnshire construction contractor turned opencast miner, Budge, too, had been thinking hard about the opportunities opening up in the coal industry. He already ran one of the largest contractors to British Coal's opencast operations. Whatever the costs of deep mine production, he knew that digging out coal from opencast pits could be highly profitable. So he broke away from the family firm and launched RJB Mining on a course for the stock market. He also took over two small, private, licensed underground mines to learn the ropes of colliery production.

In public, at least, it was Budge who made the first move. A £50 million flotation of RJB Mining showed he was serious in his determination to become a force in the coal industry. Big in frame, breezy with confidence, Budge enjoyed his outings in the City. He made no secret of his ambitions. If British Coal was for sale, he would bid for every pit, he said. And to prove it, he filed tenders to acquire some of the collieries British Coal had already closed.

By the autumn of this year, Budge had secured control of four underground mines, with reserves ranging from ten to 35 years. Besides the Blenkinsopp pit in Cumbria, he now has Clipstone and Calverton in Nottinghamshire, and Rossington, down the road in South Yorkshire. New working methods have been introduced, together with reduced production levels. But with a combined output of 2.2 million tonnes a year, and coal at £30/tonne, Mr Budge is already running a £60 million-a-year-plus deep mine operation.

But Budge has not had the stage to himself. Although Edwards' backers remained under wraps, he started bidding against Budge for some of the better collieries. And last November, after negotiations of nightmare complexity, Edwards finally acquired control of a little Welsh private mine, Cwmgwili, and backed it into a stock market company, the former Cornish tin miner Geevor.

As chairman of the revitalised company, renamed Coal Investments, he was now in a position to turn his mining ambitions into reality.

Matching Budge's expansion, Edwards secured four redundant British Coal pits: Silverdale and Hem Heath, in Staffordshire, Markham Main, near Doncaster, and Coventry Colliery, in Warwickshire. Like Budge, he is on course for £60 million of sales and a workforce that will soon reach 500.

In an industry steeped in tradition, in community and in class conflict, these rivals are already creating a cultural revolution.

Budge tells of the day when, in youthful arrogance, he ignored the advice of a bulldozer driver. It took him ten hours to free the bogged-down machine. Today, he says, he listens to his workers. Given the mining industry's record of militancy, that is good politics. But it is also good business.

In British Coal, the mine manager was always known as Mister. Today, at Hem Heath, even the switchboard operator calls Edwards "Malcolm". The new atmosphere of informality and shared endeavour seems to suit both Edwards and his employees.

In British Coal, there were more worker grades than you can count on three hands. In Coal Investments, there are just four. The pit deputies have gone. A mine with baths for 2,000 men employs fewer than 150. Production has been halved, but productivity is forecast to double.

New mining techniques and machinery, imported from Australia and America, offer the chance to make the mine viable, Edwards says. But will they work? Will production, and quality, be consistent?

So far, so good. A variety of traditional northwest industrial customers, obliged by British Coal's production strategy to rely on imports, appear ready to sign up for supplies from CI. But at this stage, the long-term viability of mines revitalised by both Budge and Edwards has still to be confirmed. In an ideal world, they might like to draw breath, chew over and even digest the challenge they have bitten off. But the Government's coal sale timetable denied them that luxury.

When bidding closed a week ago, Budge had filed a tender for each of the five regional packages of mines and opencast sites into which British Coal has been divided. Edwards confined himself to three: north and south Central, and a joint-venture offer for Scotland.

Yet the north and south regions are the core of the old British Coal. They are contracted to supply almost 100 million tonnes of coal to the electricity generators over the next three years. With a contract worth £3 billion at stake, bidders for the two core regions are reckoned to be offering around £500 million. Big risk, big money.

Budge and Edwards don't have the field to themselves. British Coal managers have formed two consortia to bid for the central coalfield. They may lack the private sector expertise so hard-won by Edwards and Budge, but they know their mines, inside out.

Win or lose, Britain's miners, and taxpayers, should take their hats off to Edwards and Budge. Through their energy, ambition and optimism they have gone a long way towards lifting the gloom from a benighted industry, and they have ignited a beacon of hope.

Surrealism reigns in a mini-city — not even very near Madrid

Janet Bush finds herself among croissant guzzlers at the 50th anniversary meeting of the IMF and the World Bank



A Spanish riot policeman halts anti-World Bank protesters trying to block a road

Whewt What a relief. Four hundred chauffeurs are taking responsibility for the maintenance and refuelling of their own cars, ensuring that they are in perfect condition. One hundred and twenty private security guards will patrol each floor of the conference centre. Two hundred persotnel are on hand to keep the lavatories clean.

Clearly, the writers of the brochure for the 50th anniversary meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank were catering for an army of unusually squeamish visitors, living in dread of dirty WCs and running out of petrol.

This meeting is nothing if not surreal. The inaugural speech of the anniversary symposium was given by the finance minister of Bangladesh, enthusiastically thanking his Washington purse-string pullers for the privilege of enforced fiscal and monetary discipline. One wonders whether the peasant farmers and traders of Sylhet and Chittagong share his sentiments?

This august gathering of the world's development experts is not just far from Bangladesh — it's not even very near Madrid. The whole show — catering for an estimated 3,000 delegates, more than 3,000 innocent bystanders called visitors, 1,000 men and women who have set up the conference, and some 1,500 journalists — is taking place in a huge plate-glass commercial district of Stalinesque proportions on a brown scrub hill somewhere between Madrid's airport and a motorway.

In the Palacio Municipal de Congresos, sheer marble walls soar hundreds of feet above the throng of people from Cote d'Ivoire and Lithuania, all dutifully carrying identity badges. Floors go plus two, plus one, minus one, minus two, only explicable when you realise that there are ten floors, four of them underground. There is a special free number people can call when they get lost on the way to buying their special Bretton Woods anniversary watch — a snip at 4,000 pesetas, or $35.

The cool grey marble lobby outside the subterranean auditorium is huge — a generous space for sauntering around and eating croissants, unencumbered by fellow delegates. All the more mystifying then that a grey marble cupboard just off this magnificent hallway is the room set aside by the IMF and World Bank for non-governmental organisations. They, for those not familiar with development jargon, are organisations such as Save the Children Fund, Oxfam and Christian Aid.

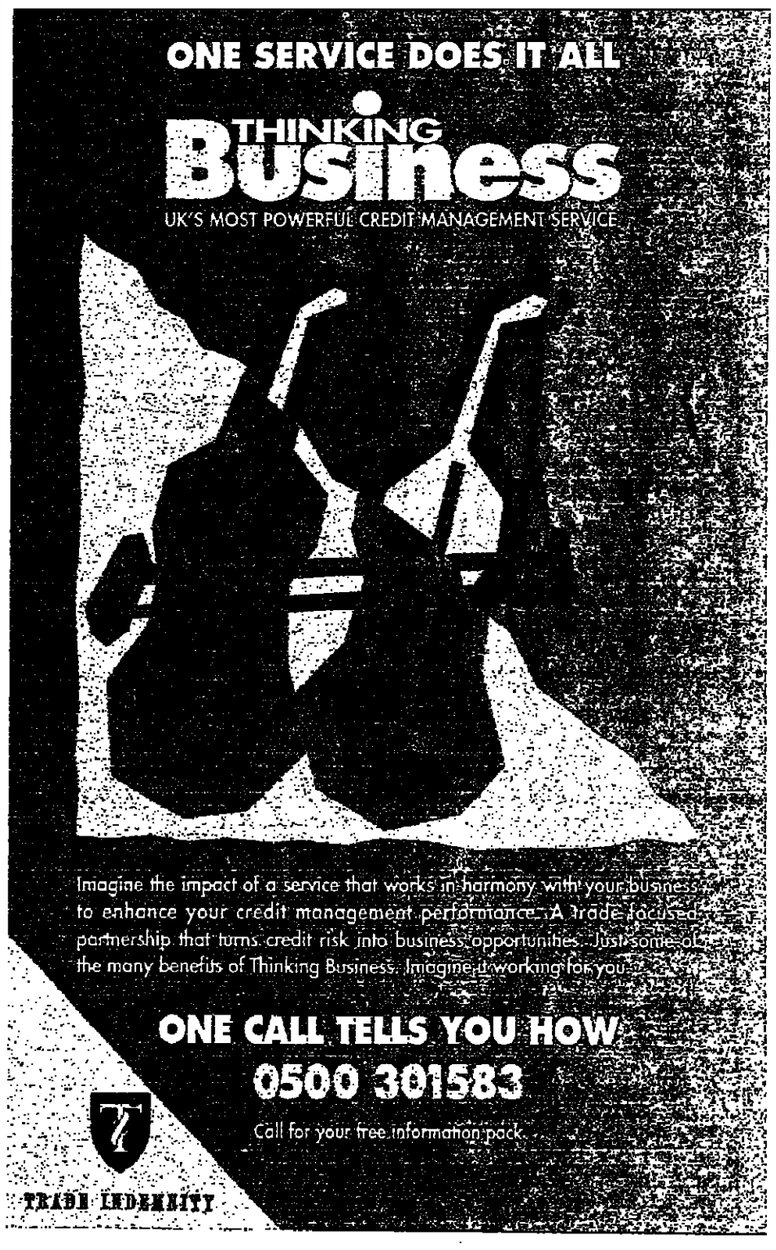
The World Bank and the IMF somehow — in this mini-city — failed to find a decent-sized room for these elements that build irrigation systems and administer to the sick, but probably do not possess credit ratings. On Thursday, Greenpeace was resident in the cupboard. There were four campaigners, eight seated journalists and another ten or so standing on one leg, resting notebooks on another shaky knee. There was just room for a Green Freeze fridge, illustrating with all simplicity that refrigeration can be done cheaply without ozone-destroying substances.

The presentation falsely argued that the World Bank had spent the vast bulk of funds entrusted to it by the signatories to the Montreal Protocol for fighting ozone depletion on ozone-depleting chemical substitutes marketed by large multinational chemical companies. The message was clear, even above the cacophony of the croissant guzzlers and the economist from the auditorium extolling the virtues of the bank, booming his thoughts through multiple television screens.

Translation into Spanish was not simultaneous. Presumably Greenpeace did not get one of the "20 permanent translators in cabins with a direct view on to the halls" extolled by the organisers. More galling than this is the fact that the IMF and World Bank apparatchiks refused to allow Greenpeace to distribute its leaflets in the press room. Are they incapable of criticism, or do they just not get the point?

Judge for yourselves. Asked whether he was aware of the pain inflicted on the poor by IMF policies, Michel Camdessus, the charming managing director, said: "I am not indifferent. I saw tremendous misery in Peru, and I thought how good our programme was there."

He conceded that his people must work more quickly. Perhaps next year, the IMF could dispense with the "1,500 waste paper baskets, 1,000 ashtrays, 1,400 paper trays, 14,000 pencils and 3,500 magic markers" so thoughtfully provided for the meeting. Now that would be the right kind of signal for the next 50 years.



STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Hopes of US-Japanese trade peace boost shares

SHARE prices ended the week on high note after putting in a late advance to close at their best of the day in the belief that a solution to the US-Japanese trade war was close at hand.

The FT-SE 100 index traded in narrow limits for much of the day, hovering just above the 3,000 level. By 3pm, it had seen its modest lead cut to less than four points. But during the last hour of business, it appeared to enjoy a new lease of life, finishing 33.8 up at 3,026.3, a net fall on the week of 1.9 points.

This late burst of activity served to show just how thin and volatile trading conditions have become. By the close of business, a disappointing 551 million shares had changed hands, a figure bolstered by a £100 million buy program believed to have been carried out by UBS, the broker.

Brokers said the late run had also been inspired by a firm opening on Wall Street, short covering by institutional investors squaring-up open positions at the end of the third-quarter, and opportunistic buying by a few institutions before the start of the new quarter on Monday.

Profit-taking left **VSEL**, a takeover target, 18p cheaper at £12.10, as turnover slowed to less than 2 million shares. **British Aerospace**, up 3½p at 452p, is regarded as the most likely predator. Vickers currently boasts cash in the bank of £322 million, or 850p a share, which would help shore-up BAe's balance sheet.

The Scottish power generators clawed back some of the previous day's losses, with **Scottish Hydro** adding 8p at 335p on turnover of almost 2 million shares, and **Scottish Power** expanding 7p at 356p as 3 million shares were traded. Both companies saw their prices fall sharply on Thursday after the regulatory authority ordered them to cut their prices.

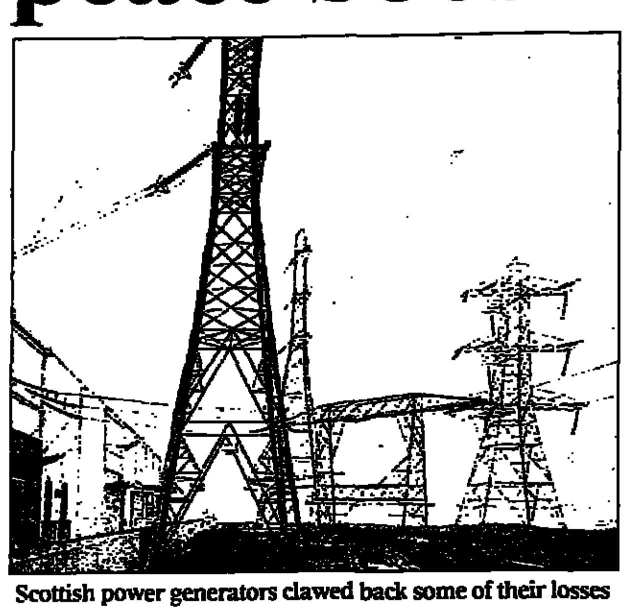
By contrast, their English counterparts attracted fresh support as investors began to look forward to next February's sale by the Government of its remaining 40 per cent stake in both companies.

National Power rose 10p, or 2.3 per cent, to 460p, while **PowerGen** was 12p better at 526p on turnover of 1.1 million shares.

British Gas advanced 8p to 298½p as 15 million shares were traded on further reflection of Thursday's presentation that saw the company reiterate its dividend policy. There had been fears that the company would be forced to cut its payout to shareholders to counter a tougher pricing policy initiated by Ofgas, the regulatory authority.

Granada firmed 4p to 509p in late trading after IBCA, the debt-rating agency, upgraded its rating for the company from A-minus to A.Shares in disposing of 60 per cent of Cofex, its textile division. Hi-Tec has replaced KPMG Peat Marwick with Touche Ross as its auditors.

Baris, the building services group that is quoted on the USM, has been saved from the threat of bankruptcy by Bob Morton, the entrepreneur, who has arranged a refinancing package that includes raising £1.72 million by



Scottish power generators clawed back some of their losses

Mr Morton is expected to join the board, but will not be required to make a full bid for the company, even though he will hold more than 30 per cent of the shares. Last year, Baris made losses of £3.12 million on turnover of almost £14 million.

Welpac, the loss-making packaging group, firmed 1p to 17p after refusing to comment on reports that it was in bid talks.

Don Wightman, chief executive, said: "Our brokers have been in touch with the Stock Exchange and we won't be making a statement". Welpac has not made a profit for the past four years.

NFC, the transport and logistics specialist, rose 6p to 182p after going ex-dividend. The group has appointed Sir Christopher Bland, former LWT chairman, as chairman. He will replace James Watson, who retires in December. The appointment comes close on the heels of the resignation of Peter Sherlock as chief executive after a profits warning.

Manchester United hardened 9p to 694p in response to a leap in full-year pre-tax profits from £4.2 million to £10.78 million. The Premier League champions achieved the feat by trebling merchandising sales to £14.23 million while Alex Ferguson, the manager, spent less on new signings.

The dividend has been raised 1p to 14.5p and accompanied by scrip issue of four-for-one. **Tottenham Hotspur** eased 1p to 143p after going ex-dividend.

Shares of **William Sindall** were suspended at 90p pending the acquisition of Morgan Lovell and the issue of reorganisation proposals.

□ **GILT EDGED**: Gilts survived the downward pull of opening losses among German bunds. The December series of the Long Gilt future touched £99²⁹/₃₂ before ending £⁵/₁₆ up on the day at £99¾ in healthy turnover saw 71,000 contracts completed. In the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 rose £⅜ to £102²¹/₃₂, while at the shorter end, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was unchanged at £102⅝.

□ **NEW YORK**: US shares rose in midday trading on reports of a possible partial trade deal with Japan, analysts said. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 13.12 points to 3,867.75.

SOUTH Wales Electricity finished 26p down at 763p after paying 786p for another 1.4 million shares as part of its buy-back programme. This takes the total of shares acquired to 7.1 million. It says it has no intention of making any further purchases before the company's closed period, starting next Friday.

Gestetner, the office equipment group, tumbled 23p to 123p as it revealed pre-tax losses totalling £6.1 million relating to interest rate swap contracts taken out in October and November last year.

Hi-Tec, the sports equipment group, was down 33p at 45p after shocking the market with pre-tax losses of £7.1 million at the half-way stage. The group suffered exceptional charges of £8.1 million after way of a placing and open offer on the basis of nine-for-eight at 25p.

The National Westminster Bank has also agreed to convert £2 million of debt into convertible preference shares at 40p.

Meanwhile, Morton's own vehicle, **Southwind-Murray-Horton**, which bought a 29.9 per cent stake back in April will subscribe for between 15.8 and 36.4 per cent of the issue.

MOVERS OF THE WEEK

	Current price	Week's change	
VSEL	£12.10	+245p	Bid approach confirmed
Sharelink	208p	-37p	Profits warning
Scottish Hydro	335p	-51p	Price cuts ordered
Gestetner	123p	-24p	Interest rate swap losses
Hi-Tec Sports	45p	-33p	Exceptional losses
Reckitt & Colman	541p	-57p	Acquisition, rights issue
Tarmac	127p	-20p	Disappointing figures
South Wales Elec	763p	-40p	Buy-back completed
Reed International	768p	+31p	US presentations

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	3867.75 (+13.12)
S&P Composite	464.52 (+2.29)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	19563.81 (-51.31)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	9521.24 (-178.97)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	402.27 (-1.64)
Sydney:	
AO	2028.7 (-2.0)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2011.75 (-31.83)
Singapore:	
Straits	2332.63 (-16.27)
Brussels:	
General	7132.24 (-57.48)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1879.25 (+3.07)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	648.80 (-2.50)
London:	
FT 30	2350.1 (+26.3)
FT 100	3026.3 (+33.8)
FT-SE Mid 250	3494.8 (-9.2)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1318.93 (-11.65)
FT A All-Share	1510.97 (+10.88)
FT Non Financials	1634.38 (+12.18)
FT Gold Mines	291.70 (-0.60)
FT Fixed Interest	107.34 (+0.05)
FT Govt Secs	90.64 (+0.34)
Bargains	23904
SEAQ Volume	551.1m
USM (Datastrm)	158.57 (-0.34)
US$	1.5772 (-0.0038)
German Mark	2.4454 (+0.0009)
Exchange Index	79.9 (same)
RPI	144.7 Aug (2.4%) Jan 1987=100

Bank of England official close (4pm)

RECENT ISSUES

Compel (125)	119	...
Cont'l Foods Wts	1¼	...
Emerging Mkts C	66	+4
Ennemix (63)	68	...
Indpndnt Parts (112)	120	...
Mackie Intnl (180)	183	...
Ryland (80)	85	...
Suter Wts 99/04	33	...
Templeton Emg New	371	-1
Templeton Emg Wts	201	-2
Wrexham Water	360	...
Wrexham Water NV	330	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Comm Union n/p (475)	27	+3
Jermyn Inv n/p (160)	2	...
Reckitt & Clmn n/p (500)	31	+3
Unichem n/p (245)	12	-1

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Barclays	570½p (+11½p)
Wolseley	767p (+10p)
Kingfisher	489p (+12p)
Blenheim Group	246p (+11p)
Reed Intl	766p (+13p)
BAT	436½p (+14½p)
GUS	569p (+10p)
BAA	487p (+13p)
British Airways	361p (+17p)
FALLS:	
SG Warburg	670p (-11p)
Heavitree	157p (-13p)
J Laing	208p (-10p)
YJ Lovell	65p (-10p)
Rothmans	381p (-17p)
Wardle Storeys	395p (-15p)
Yule Catto	274p (-13p)
N Brown	253p (-10p)
British Biotech	505p (-18p)
Vosper Thorny	710p (-10p)
CE Heath	254p (-10p)
Bristol Scotts	185p (-13p)
Hi-Tec Sports	45p (-33p)
Caffyns	300p (-10p)
Greycoat	119p (-11p)

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TEMPUS

Home Loans alone

NATIONAL Home Loans must feel as if a particularly large albatross has been removed from around its neck. The disposal of the National Mortgage Bank to the Bank of England may not have raised more than a few coppers, but has cured many of the group's ills and prepared the way for a lasting financial reconstruction.

The crippled National Mortgage Bank has been ring fenced from NHL for more than two years, thanks to support from the Bank of England, but its assets and provisions were still distorting the company's balance sheet. NHL needed to resolve the issue before it could reconstruct its finances, and not surprisingly there were not many buyers around for a bank with nothing but a raft of bad debts.

Jonathan Perry, NHL's chairman, has promised that NHL will refinance before end of the year, so time is running out. The company is faced with two priorities. First it must somehow cancel the arrears on its preference shares. Second the £30 million deficit on shareholders funds needs to be erased and turned into a positive figure.

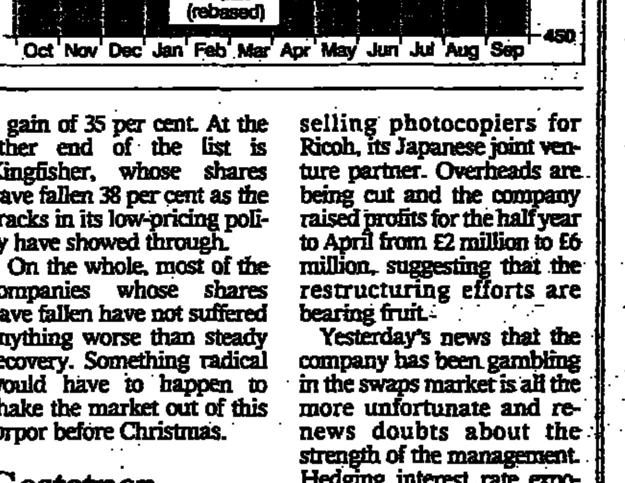
The first objective can be met by rolling up the arrears into new preference shares or by converting the prefs into ordinaries. Then the company needs to raise around £50 million of equity, probably through a rights issue and placing. If completed, NHL could become a remarkably clean business. Its new lending subsidiary, *Homeloans Direct*, is having modest success and its old mortgage book is steadily running off. NHL has survivied against the odds, but the shares are speculative until the level of impending dilution becomes clearer.

Manchester Utd

SUCCESS breeds success in football clubs while failure brings penury. Few of the quoted football clubs have brought their shareholders anything but agony and newspaper column inches but Manchester United is the exception, having managed in recent years to create something that is more akin to a real business rather than a tycoon's plaything.

Revenues from merchandising, catering and sponsorship last year were almost equal to the amount earned from gate receipts and television. Manchester is now trading successfully on its name and brand and even in a relatively lean year such as 1993 the club made £8 million before transfer costs.

The club's prospects look even better in the current season, having qualified for the European Champions League and earned £1 million from TV rights before playing a single game. If Manchester can win six points out of the 12 available, the club could earn £3 million net from Europe alone. The difficulty for an investor is to measure the financial downside from a disastrous run of defeats. Would 40,000 fans still flock regularly to Old Trafford to see the club lose? Would they still be prepared to clothe their children in the club's high-priced strip? If Eric Cantona and Ryan Giggs mislaid their golden boots, would Touche Ross continue to value the players at £35 million? If it all sounds improbable, it probably is.



Equities

THE stock market closed the third quarter of the year yesterday on an uncharacteristically cheerful note. The statistics for the full nine months, compiled by Datastream, do not make such pleasant reading.

Only 22 of the FT-SE 100 index constituents have shown any gain this year, and only six have shown a rise of more than 10 per cent. By contrast, 50 have seen their share prices fall more than 10 per cent. The index overall has fallen 12.3 per cent.

The few that have escaped the market slide have needed a good reason. The food retailing sector is one of the bright spots, since the market decided this summer that it had overdone the gloom about the price war.

Heavy engineering has also prospered, thanks to tangible signs of economic recovery. This has made British Steel the best performer in the FT-SE 100, with a gain of 35 per cent. At the other end of the list is Kingfisher, whose shares have fallen 38 per cent as the cracks in its low-pricing policy have showed through.

On the whole, most of the companies whose shares have fallen have not suffered anything worse than steady recovery. Something radical would have to happen to shake the market out of this torpor before Christmas.

Gestetner

GESTETNER shares lost all their short-term attraction last summer when Inchcape, which owns 15 per cent, announced it would not exercise an option to take its stake up to 25 per cent. Shareholders are left speculating about the longer-term prospects for the office equipment distributor, which earns a meagre return on £1 billion turnover.

The current management is determined to squeeze more out of the company whose biggest business is selling photocopiers for Ricoh, its Japanese joint venture partner. Overheads are being cut and the company raised profits for the half year to April from £2 million to £6 million, suggesting that the restructuring efforts are bearing fruit.

Yesterday's news that the company has been gambling in the swaps market is all the more unfortunate and renews doubts about the strength of the management. Hedging interest rate exposure is standard procedure for companies with floating rate borrowings: for a known extra cost, the security of a fixed-interest bill can be purchased for a set period. Instead and for short-term gain, Gestetner chose to take a view that rates would not rise too much. Since clearing bankers come a cropper betting on rates, it is extraordinary that so many treasurers feel confident they can do better.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	unq	Dec	1076-1070
Dec	986-985	Mar	1095-1090
Mar	1018-1017	May	1110-1105
May	1031-1030	Jul	1140-1096
Jul	1043-1042		
Sep	1054-1052		Volume: 2702

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	unq	May	3725-3720
Nov	3880-3870	Jul	3700-3680
Jan	3860-3850	Sep	3675-3625
Mar	3760-3755		Volume: 4069

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	331.0-29.3
Spot: 338.50		Oct	314.8-12.0
Dec	330.7-29.6	Dec	314.8-10.0
Mar	330.7-30.0	Mar	316.5-09.5
May	330.5-29.8		Volume: 870

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 29

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	76.87	88.77	117.39
(+/-)	+2.12	+0.57	+0.36
Eng/Wales:	76.89	88.87	117.22
(+/-)	+2.12	+0.56	+0.51
(%)	+6.0	-2.0	+1.0
Scotland:	75.17	88.22	118.11
(+/-)	+3.07	+0.46	-0.42
(%)	+11.0	-31.0	+15.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.75	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Oct)	16.90	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.95	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	18.15	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	18.25	+0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT) Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 169 (+6)	O: 173 (+6)
Gasoil EEC	154 (+1)	155 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Nov	159 (+2)	160 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Dec	161 (+2)	162 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	75 (+2)	78 (+1)
Naphtha	163 (+4)	165 (+4)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd) GAS OIL

Oct	154.75-55.00	Jan	161.50-61.75
Nov	157.50-57.75	Feb	162.50-62.75
Dec	159.75-60.00		Vol: 17241

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	16.95-16.96	Feb	17.01 SLR
Dec	16.98-17.00	Mar	16.97-16.99
Jan	17.02-17.03		Vol: 25070

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	104.90	Nov	103.35
Jan	107.00	Jan	105.65
Mar	109.05	Mar	107.75
May	111.45	May	109.65
Jul	114.50	Jul	unq
Volume: 795		Volume: 49	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	227.0	229.5
May	unq	240.0
		Volume: 145

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg) Nov 86.75-87.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 94	1735	1715	1725
Nov 94	1715	1695	1700
Jan 95	1652	1630	1645
Apr 95	1640	1625	1625

Vol: 339 lots Open interest: 2597
Index 1656 +16

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2485.5-2486.5	2500.0-2501.0	1567850
Lead ($/tonne)	624.00-625.00	638.00-638.50	101250
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1006.0-1007.0	1029.5-1030.0	246900
Tin ($/tonne)	5322.0-5325.0	5404.0-5405.0	19380
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1597.5-1598.5	1621.0-1622.0	1038750
Nickel ($/tonne)	6410.0-6415.0	6520.0-6525.0	80298

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Dom.	540	33½	—	—	4½	—	—
(*565½)	589	6½	—	—	28	—	—
Argyll	260	10½	27	33	3½	11	15½
(*274½)	280	7½	15½	23	12	21	26
ASDA	60	7	9½	11	1½	3½	4½
(*65)	70	1½	4½	6	7	9	10
Boots	500	33	42½	54½	3½	14	20½
(*526)	550	5	17	30	28½	40	46
Br Airways	360	13	24	34½	10	20	25½
(*361)	390	3	12	22	33	39½	43½
BP	390	19	30	38	6	14½	20
(*400)	420	4½	15½	23½	23½	31	36½
Br Steel	160	12½	19½	24½	3	6½	8½
(*171½)	180	3½	9	14	11	16	18
C & W	390	22½	35	46½	9	19½	25½
(*401)	420	8	20½	32	26	37	41
CU	493	20½	36½	43	7½	16½	29
(*502)	543	4	14	21	44	47½	61
ICI	800	43	66½	80½	7½	24	38½
(*830½)	850	14	37	53½	30	48	64½
Kingfshr	460	35½	50½	62½	5	14½	21½
(*488)	500	12	24	41	21½	31	40
Land Sec	600	30	40½	54½	4½	13½	18
(*622½)	650	4	16	29½	31	41	45
M & S	390	18	27	36½	5	13	17
(*401)	420	4½	13½	22	23	29	33
Nat West	460	34	48½	56½	4½	13	24
(*486½)	500	11	25½	35	21½	31	45
Sainsbury	390	21	32½	41	6½	18	21
(*402½)	420	6	18	26½	23	34	33½
Shell	650	54½	68½	77	1½	8	16
(*698½)	700	15½	34½	44½	14	34½	36½
Smkl Bch	420	16½	30	39½	9	21	27½
(*426½)	460	3½	13	22	36½	46	51½
Storehse	180	13	18	22	2½	6½	11
(*189)	200	2½	7½	12	13½	17½	22½
Trafalgar	80	6½	10½	13	2½	5½	7½
(*84)	90	2½	5½	8	8	11½	13
Unilever	1100	37	61½	82	12½	31½	47
(*1123½)	1150	13	35½	54½	38	58½	73
Zeneca	800	23½	47½	60	15½	30	47
(*806)	850	5	24	36	50	60	75½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	390	30½	39	45½	7	17½	20½
(*408½)	420	13½	23	30	21	33½	36
Ladbroke	140	19	24½	27	3	8½	9
(*157½)	160	7	13½	16½	12	13½	19½
Utd Bisc	300	15½	24½	28	11½	15	24
(*307)	330	5	12½	15½	33½	35	43½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	475	22½	31½	41½	5½	14	18
(*488½)	500	8	18½	28	17½	26½	30½
Thames W	500	18½	31	41½	12½	25½	28½
(*507)	550	3½	12½	21	45½	57½	59½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	420	28½	42	48	10½	16½	27½
(*435½)	460	9	22	27½	32½	38½	50½
BTR	300	18	27	32	8½	13	19
(*308)	330	5½	13	18	27	30	36½
Br Aero	420	43	58½	64½	11½	19	27½
(*452½)	460	19	36	44	29½	38	48
Br Telcm	360	16½	22	29	9½	18	21
(*363½)	390	5	10½	15½	29½	38	40
Cadbury	420	37½	48	52½	4½	9	16
(*448)	460	12½	24	30	21½	26½	36
Guinness	420	40½	50	56½	5	9	16
(*456)	460	14	25½	32	21	26	34½
GEC	280	19½	23½	29½	5	9	12½
(*291½)	300	8	13½	19½	14½	19½	22
Hanson	220	17	21	23½	4	8½	11
(*231)	240	6	11	14	13½	19½	21½
LASMO	134	23	—	—	2½	—	—
(*153)	154	10	—	—	9½	—	—
Lucas	180	19	23½	27	5½	8½	12½
(*195½)	200	7½	13½	17½	16	19½	23
Pilkingtn	180	14½	17	23	5	8½	12
(*187)	200	4½	8½	13½	17	20½	23½
Prudential	280	23½	32	34	5	8½	15
(*295½)	300	11	21	23	13½	18	25½
Redland	460	38	49½	57	8	15½	28½
(*493)	500	15	28	36	28	34½	49½
Royal Ins	280	18	28	33½	11	17	23
(*285)	300	9½	18	24½	23½	28	34
Tesco	220	22	28	33	4	8	11½
(*235½)	240	9	16	21½	12½	17	21
Vodafone	183	20	24	—	4½	7½	—
(*197½)	200	10	15½	20½	11½	16	18½
Williams	325	23½	—	—	5½	—	—
(*339½)	354	7½	—	—	20½	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3022½)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Oct	146	106	72	44	25	13
Nov	172	136	104	76	55	38
Dec	190	155	126	98	76	56
Jan	218	184	155	124	101	79
Jun	282	—	222	—	172	—
Puts						
Oct	16	26	41	66	97	137
Nov	35	48	67	88	118	152
Dec	52	66	87	108	137	167
Jan	68	83	103	123	150	178
Jun	107	—	144	—	193	—

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	360	40½	49	51½	6	14½	19
(*388½)	390	21	30	34½	17½	29½	33½
Amstrad	25	3	4	5	2½	3½	4
(*26)	30	1½	2	3	6	7	7½
Barclays	550	42	55	62	15	27	33
(*569)	600	16	30	37½	42½	54½	60½
Blue Circ	260	28	35	40½	6½	11½	18½
(*276½)	280	16	24	29½	15½	20½	28½
Br Gas	280	23	29	33½	8	12½	18
(*297½)	300	11	18½	23	19	21½	28
Dixons	180	15	18½	24	11½	16	19
(*181)	200	7	10½	15½	24½	28½	31½
Forte	220	14½	21	26	11	15	19½
(*224)	240	6	12	17	24	27	31½
Hillsdwn	160	18½	23½	26	4	7	11
(*174)	180	7	12½	15½	13½	16	22
Lonrho	130	11	14½	17	6½	10½	13
(*132)	140	6½	9½	12½	13½	16½	18½
Sears	100	8½	11	13	5	6½	8½
(*103½)	110	4½	6½	8	11½	12½	15
Thrn EMI	950	67	79	100½	20	33	39
(*985½)	1000	37	52	72	39½	56	63
Tomkins	220	16	21½	27½	11	15	18
(*221)	240	7	12½	18½	23½	27½	30
TSB	200	24½	28	31	4½	9	12
(*216½)	220	12	16	19½	13	18½	22
Wellcome	600	72	90½	101	15	27	37
(*647½)	650	41	61	73½	35	49	61
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo	550	44½	61	74½	6	19½	31½
(*584½)	600	13	34½	48½	28	43	56½
HSBC	650	40½	69½	85	9	27	46
(*682)	700	17½	42	59½	33½	51	72½
Reuter	462½	23½	—	—	8	—	—
(*474)	475	14½	—	—	13½	—	—
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
R-Royce	180	11½	17	21	8	12½	16½
(*180½)	200	4½	9	12½	22	25	28½
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	110	12½	15½	18	5	7½	9½
(*116½)	120	7	11	13	10½	13	15
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elc	700	62	79	93	13½	26½	35½
(*742)	750	32	50	66½	34½	48½	57½
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	24½	36½	45½	23	29½	37
(*462½)	500	9½	19½	29	48½	53	61
Scot Pwr	330	42	48	55½	6½	14	15
(*356)	360	25	32	40	21	27	28½

September 30, 1994 Tot: 22083 Call: 13055 Put: 9028 FT-SE Call: 9028 Put: 3826
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 53861)	Dec 94	2999.0	3044.0	2996.0	3042.0	16379
	Mar 95				3066.0	0
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 487781)	Dec 94	93.24	93.26	93.17	93.20	27781
	Mar 95	92.35	92.36	92.27	92.30	16170
	Jun 95	91.68	91.72	91.59	91.67	5626
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 3872)	Dec 94	94.06	94.07	94.06	94.05	18
	Mar 95	93.69	93.69	93.69	93.68	10
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 690158)	Dec 94	94.70	94.71	94.64	94.67	38111
	Mar 95	94.30	94.30	94.22	94.27	36670
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 99415)	Dec 94	99-18	99-30	99-08	99-24	72527
	Mar 95				99-04	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	108.02	108.12	107.90	107.91	1752
	Mar 95				107.13	0
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 147681)	Dec 94	89.23	89.34	88.66	88.80	137881
	Mar 95	88.20	88.40	88.13	88.08	160
German Gov Bd Bobl (Previous open interest: 0)	Dec 94					
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 17793)	Dec 94	93.64	93.66	93.58	93.65	982
	Mar 95	93.06	93.08	93.01	93.06	795
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 43421)	Dec 94	95.64	95.65	95.60	95.64	4037
	Mar 95	95.24	95.27	95.20	95.27	893
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 65322)	Dec 94	100.18	100.30	99.65	99.77	28419
	Mar 95	99.30	99.30	99.30	99.14	50

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 4¾ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5½; 3 mth: 5½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅝-5½	5¾-5⅝	5⅞-5¾	6⅜-6¼	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅝-5½	5¾-5⅝	5⅞-5¾	6⅜-6¼	7⅛-7
Interbank:	5⅝-5½	5¾-5⅝	5⅞-5¾	6⅜-6¼	7⅛-7

Overnight: open 5, close 5¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅝	n/a	5¾	6¼	7
Sterling CDs:	5⅝-5½	5¾-5⅝	5⅞-5¾	6⅜-6¼	7⅛-7
Dollar CDs:	4.96-4.93	n/a	5.38-5.35	5.64-5.61	6.18-6.15
Building Society CDs:	5⅝-5½	5¾-5⅝	5⅞-5¾	6⅜-6¼	7⅛-7

TREASURY BILLS: Applicts: £1,740m allotted: £500m; Bids: £98.63% received: n/a%; Last week: £98.615% received: 94%; Avge rate: £5.4710% last wk £5.5070%: Next week: £500m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4⅜-4¼	5-4⅞	5⅜-5¼	5⅞-5¾	4½-3½
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4¾	5⅛-5	5⅜-5¼	5-4
French Franc:	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅝-5½	5⅞-5¾	5¼-4¼
Swiss Franc:	3⅞-3¾	3⅞-3¾	4⅛-4	4⅜-4¼	4½-3½
Yen:	2¼-2	2¼-2⅛	2⅜-2¼	2⅝-2½	2½-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $395.00-395.40 Close: $394.00-394.50 High: $395.00-395.50 Low: $392.80-393.30 AM: $395.55 PM: $394.85
Krugerrand: $394.00-396.00 (£249.00-251.00)
Platinum: $418.70 (£265.00) Silver: $5.61 (£3.555) Palladium: $152.00 (£96.20)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 30	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7358-2.7420	2.7358-2.7392	¼pr-par	¾-¼pr
Brussels	50.21-50.35	50.24-50.35	4-1pr	10-3pr
Copenhagen	9.5760-9.6070	9.5920-9.6070	⅛-⅜ds	1¼-2¼ds
Dublin	1.0095-1.0133	1.0104-1.0131	2pr-1ds	3pr-2ds
Frankfurt	2.4423-2.4467	2.4433-2.4467	¼pr-par	¾-½pr
Lisbon	248.90-249.70	249.00-249.70	86-105ds	250-312ds
Madrid	202.31-202.81	202.41-202.71	37-46ds	103-123ds
Milan	2454.40-2460.60	2454.40-2458.50	5-7ds	16-18ds
Montreal	2.1093-2.1248	2.1093-2.1123	0.11-0.04pr	0.22-0.11pr
New York	1.5746-1.5802	1.5746-1.5756	0.06-0.04pr	0.16-0.12pr
Oslo	10.6890-10.7090	10.6890-10.7050	¼-⅜ds	2¼-3⅜ds
Paris	8.3310-8.3530	8.3310-8.3460	par-⅛ds	¼pr-par
Stockholm	11.7810-11.8490	11.7870-11.8110	1¾-2¼ds	5⅞-6⅞ds
Tokyo	155.48-156.19	155.93-156.19	¾-⅝pr	1⅝-1½pr
Vienna	17.16-17.23	17.16-17.19	1⅝-⅜pr	4¼-2¼pr
Zurich	2.0265-2.0319	2.0265-2.0294	⅜-¼pr	⅞-¾pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3509-1.3515
Austria	10.89-10.90
Belgium (Com)	31.84-31.85
Canada	1.3420-1.3425
Denmark	6.0690-6.0740
France	5.2832-5.2842
Germany	1.5476-1.5481
Hong Kong	7.7270-7.7280
Ireland	1.5614-1.5629
Italy	1554.00-1556.00
Japan	98.61-98.66
Malaysia	2.5630-2.5640
Netherlands	1.7336-1.7341
Norway	6.7755-6.7775
Portugal	157.85-157.95
Singapore	1.4818-1.4828
Spain	128.26-128.36
Sweden	7.4707-7.4782
Switzerland	1.2839-1.2844

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5764-1.5790
Australia dollar	2.1323-2.1345
Bahrain dinar	0.5890-0.6015
Brazil real*	1.3476-1.3517
Cyprus pound	0.7365-0.7465
Finland markka	7.642-7.758
Greece drachma	369.00-376.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.1955-12.2048
India rupee	49.06-50.20
Kuwait dinar KD	0.465-0.475
Malaysia ringgit	4.0452-4.0493
Mexico peso	5.27-5.37
New Zealand dollar	2.6196-2.6234
Pakistan rupee	47.58 buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8645-5.9905
Singapore dollar	2.3387-2.3418
S Africa rand (fin)	6.7295-6.8110
S Africa rand (com)	5.6184-5.6268
U A E dirham	5.7405-5.8645

Barclays Bank GTS *Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	3,100	Legal & Gn	1,000
ASDA Gp	5,700	Lloyds Bk	2,300
Abbey Natl	3,100	MEPC	2,700
Allied Dom	1,700	Marks Spr	5,200
Argyll Gp	2,200	NatWst Bk	7,000
Arjo Wiggn	1,000	Nat Power	1,600
AB Foods	839	Nth Wst W	975
BAA	889	P & O	743
BAT Inds	3,300	Pearson	709
BOC	617	PowerGen	1,200
BP	11,000	Prudential	2,400
BTR	8,400	RMC	229
BT	11,000	RTZ	3,100
Bk of Scot	936	Rank Org	1,700
Barclays	1,800	Reckitt Col	1,400
Bass	1,000	Redland	1,400
Blue Circle	3,500	Reed Intl	518
Boots	1,000	Rentokil	1,300
Bowater	1,300	Reuters	856
Brit Aero	2,200	Rolls Royce	5,400
Brit Airwys	4,800	Ryl Ins	1,100
Brit Gas	15,000	Ryl Bk Scot	3,300
Brit Steel	4,700	Sainsbury	1,700
Burmah Cast	651	Schroders	116
Cable Wire	2,700	Scot & New	1,000
Cadbury	1,600	Scot Power	3,300
Caradon	1,400	Sears	14,000
Carlton Cms	1,100	Svrn Trent	100
Cm Union	2,200	Shell Trans	2,000
Courtaulds	1,000	Siebe	279
De La Rue	261	SmKl Bch	4,200
Eastern Elec	388	Smith Nph	1,700
Enterpr Oil	398	Sthern Elec	1,400
Forte	2,600	Std Chartd	3,200
GKN	1,200	Sun Allnce	535
GRE	720	TI Gp	826
GUS	1,100	TSB	2,300
Gen Acc	861	Tesco	4,600
Gen Elec	4,700	Thames W	178
Glaxo	3,400	Thrn EMI	1,200
Granada	1,200	Tomkins	5,100
Grand Met	2,800	Unilever	1,500
Guinness	1,900	Utd Bisc	410
HSBC	6,500	Vodafone	4,900
Hanson	7,400	Warburg (SG)	261
ICI	2,100	Wellcome	788
Inchcape	1,500	Whitbread	608
Kingfisher	1,100	Wllms Hld	1,000
Ladbroke	2,900	Wolseley	232
Land Secs	1,600	Zeneca	1,200

	Sep 30 midday	Sep 29 close
AMP Inc	77¾	77¾
AMR Corp	51½	50¾
AT & T	54½	53½
Abbott Labs	31½	31¼
Aetna Life	47¾	47
Ahmanson (HF)	21	21
Air Prod & Chem	46¾	46¼
Albertson's	29¼	28¾
Alcan Aluminum	26¼	26¾
Alco Standard	62½	61
Allied Signal	35¼	35¼
Alum Co of Am	85¾	85¼
Amax Gold Inc	7¼	7½
Amerada Hess	46¼	45¾
Amer Brands	36¼	36
Amer Cyanamid	99¼	99¼
Amer El Power	31¼	31
Amer Express	30½	30¼
Amer Genl Corp	27¼	27
Amer Home Pr	59¼	58½
Amer Intl	89¾	89¾
Amer Stores	24¼	24¼
Ameritech	40¼	40¾
Amoco	59¾	59¾
Anheuser-Busch	50¼	52
Apple Computer	34¼	34¼
Archer Daniels	25¼	25¼
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	43¼	43¼
Asarco	33¼	33¾
Ashland Oil	35¼	35¼
Atl Richfield	100¼	100¼
Auto Data Pro	59½	56
Avery Dennison	34½	34½
Avon Products	59½	59½
Baker Hughes	18½	18½
Baltim Gas & El	23¼	23¼
Banc One	29¼	30
BankAmerica	44¼	44¼
Bank of NY	29¼	30¼
Bankers Tr NY	66¼	65¼
Barnett Banks	44	44¼
Bausch & Lomb	38¼	39
Baxter Intl	28	28¼
Becton Dickinson	48¼	47¼
Bell Atlantic	53¼	53¼
BellSouth	56¼	56¼
Black & Decker	22¼	21¾
Block (H&R)	46¼	45¼
Boeing	43¾	43¾
Boise Cascade	30	29¼
Borden Inc	13¼	13¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	57¼	57¼
Browning Ferris	32	31¼
Brunswick	20	20¼
Burlington Nthn	50¼	50¼
CBS	318½	320
CNA Financial	63¼	63¼
CPC Intl	50¼	50¼
CSX	69	68¼
Campbell Soup	39¼	39½
Can Pacific	16¼	16¼
Cpd Cities ABC	81¼	80¼
Carolina Pwr	26¼	26¼
Caterpillar	54¼	54
Central & SW	22¼	22¼
Champion Intl	38¼	38¼
Chase Manhat	34¼	34½
Chemical Bk	35¼	35½
Chevron Corp	41¼	41¼
Chrysler	45¼	44½
Chubb Corp	71½	71½
Cigna Corp	62¼	63
Citicorp	42¼	42
Clorox	51½	52¼
Coastal Corp	28	28¼
Coca Cola	49¼	49¼
Colgate-Palmolive	58¼	58
Columbia Gas	26¼	25¼
Compaq Comp	32¼	32¼
Comp Ass Intl	44½	44¼
Conagra	31¼	31¼
Cons Edison	25¼	24¼
Cons Nat Gas	38¼	38¼
Cons Rail	49¼	49¼
Cooper Inds	40¼	40¼
Corning Inc	32¼	32¼
Crown Cork	38¼	38¼
Dana Corp	27¼	27¼
Dayton Hudson	76¼	75¼
Deere	68¼	68
Delta Air Lines	44¼	43½
Deluxe Corp	29¼	29¼
Detroit Edison	25¼	25¼
Digital Equip	26¼	26¼
Dillard Dept St	28¼	26¼
Disney (Walt)	39¼	39¼
Dominion Res	37¼	36¼
Donelley (RR)	30	29¼
Dover Corp	56¼	56¼
Dow Chemical	78¼	78¼
Dow Jones	30¼	30¼
Dresser	20¼	19¼
Duke Power	38¼	38¼
Dun & Bradstreet	57¼	58
Du Pont	59¼	58¼
Eastman Kodak	51¼	52¼
Eaton Corp	47¼	47¼
Emerson Elec	59¼	59¼
Engelhard Corp	26¼	27

	Sep 30 midday	Sep 29 close
Enron Corp	30¼	30
Entergy	23¼	23¼
Ethyl Corp	11½	11½
Exxon	57¼	57¼
FMC Corp	61½	61½
FPL Group	32¼	32¼
Federal Express	61½	62¼
Fed Nat Mtge	78¼	78
First Chicago	46¼	46¼
First Interstate	81¼	81¼
First Union Rlty	6¼	6¼
Fleet Finl Grp	37¼	37¼
Fluor Corp	50	50
Ford Motor	28	27¼
GTE Corp	30¼	30¼
Gannett	48¼	47¼
Gap Inc Del	33	32¼
Gen Dynamics	44¼	44
Gen Electric	48¼	48¼
Gen Mills	57¼	56¼
Gen Motors	46¼	46¼
Gen Reinsurance	105¼	106¼
Gen Signal	35	35¼
Genuine Parts	35	34¼
Georgia Pac	78	77¼
Gillette	71¼	71½
Glaxo ADR	18¼	18
Goodrich (BF)	42¼	42¼
Goodyear Tire	34¼	33¼
Grace (W&R)	41¼	41¼
Gt Atl Pac Tea	25¼	24¼
Great Wstn Fin	19	19
Halliburton	31¼	30¼
Harcourt General	34¼	34¼
Heinz (HJ)	36¼	36¼
Hercules	102¼	102¼
Hershey Foods	45¼	45¼
Hewlett Packard	86¼	87¼
Hilton Hotels	60¼	60
Home Depot	42¼	41¼
Homestake Mng	21¼	21¼
Honeywell	34¼	34
Household Intl	35¼	35¼
Houston Inds	34¼	34¼
Humana	23¼	23
ITT Corp	83¼	82¼
Illinois Tool	42¼	42¼
Illinova	19	19¼
INCO	30¼	30¼
Ingersoll Rand	35¼	35¼
Inland Steel	39¼	40¼
Intel Corp	62	61¼
IBM	69¼	69¼
Intl Flav & Fr	41½	41¼
Intl Paper	79¼	79
James River Va	24¼	23¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	51¼	51¼
Kellogg	57	59¼
Kerr-McGee	48	47¼
Kimberly-Clark	58¼	58¼
Kmart	17¼	17¼
Knight-Ridder	49¼	49¼
Lilly (Eli)	57¼	57¼
Limited Inc	19¼	19¼
LIN Brdcstng	139.1880	139¼
Lincoln Nat	37¼	36¼
Litton	37¼	37¼
Liz Claiborne	22¼	22¼
Lockheed	70¼	70
Louisiana Pac	33¼	33¼
MCI Comm	24¼	24¼
Marriott Int	28¼	28¼
Marsh & McLen	78	77¼
Masco Corp	24¼	24¼
May Dept St	39¼	39¼
Maytag Corp	15¼	15¼
McDonalds	26¼	26¼
McDonnell D	115¼	115¼
McGraw Hill	73¼	74
Mead Corp	51¼	51¼
Medtronic	52¼	103
Mellon Bk	56¼	56¼
Melville Corp	35¼	35¼
Merck Inc	35¼	35¼
Merrill Lynch	34¼	34¼
Minnesota Mine	55¼	55
Mobil Corp	79¼	79¼
Monsanto	80¼	80
Morgan (JP)	60¼	60¼
Motorola Inc	53	53
Natl Medical	16¼	16¼
Natl Semi	16	15¼
Natl Service Ind	26¼	26¼
Navistar Int	14¼	14¼
NBD Bancorp	28¼	28¼
NY Times A	22	21¼
Newmont Mng	45¼	45
Niag Mohawk	13¼	13¼
Nike B	58¼	58¼
NL Industries	11¼	11
Noram Energy	6¼	6¼
Nordstrom	40¼	38¼
Norfolk Sthrn	62¼	61¼
Nthn State Pwr	42¼	41¼
Norwest Corp	24¼	25
Nynex Corp	38¼	38¼
Occidental Pet	20¼	20¼
Ohio Edison	19	19
Oracle Systems	43¼	43¼
Oryx Energy Co	14	14

	Sep 30 midday	Sep 29 close
Owens Corning	33¼	33¼
PNC Financial	26¼	26¼
PPG Industries	40¼	39¼
Paccar Inc	45¼	46¼
Pacificorp	16¼	16¼
Pac Enterprises	21¼	21¼
Pac Gas & Elect	22¼	22¼
Pac Telesis	31¼	31¼
Pall Corp	17¼	17¼
Panhandle East	23¼	22¼
Parker Hannifin	39¼	39¼
Peco Energy	25¼	25¼
Penney (JC)	51¼	51¼
Pennzoil	46¼	47
Pepsico	33¼	33¼
Pfizer	69¼	68¼
Phelps Dodge	62¼	63¼
Philip Morris	61	59¼
Phillips Pet	34¼	33¼
Pitney Bowes	35¼	35¼
Polaroid	34¼	34¼
PriceCostco	16¼	16
Procter & Gmbl	59¼	59¼
Pub Serv E & G	28¼	28¼
Quaker Oats	77¼	76¼
Ralston Purina	41¼	42¼
Raychem Corp	41¼	40¼
Raytheon	64¼	64¼
Reebok Intl	36¼	36
Reynolds Metals	59¼	58¼
Roadway Srvcs	58	57¼
Rockwell Intl	34¼	34¼
Rohm & Haas	56¼	56¼
Royal Dutch	107¼	107
Rubbermaid	26¼	26¼
Safeco Corp	51¼	51¼
St Paul's Cos	40¼	39¼
Salomon Inc	39¼	38¼
Santa Fe Pac	22¼	17¼
Sara Lee Corp	22¼	22¼
Snecorp	12¼	12¼
Schering Plough	70¼	70¼
Schlumberger	55¼	55
Scott Paper	61¼	61¼
Seagram	30¼	30¼
Sears Roebuck	48	47¼
Shell Trans	67¼	66¼
Sherwin Wlms	31¼	31¼
Skyline Corp	20¼	19¼
Snap-On-Tools	34¼	34¼
Southern Co	18¼	18¼
Sthwestern Bell	42¼	42¼
Sprint Corp	38¼	39
Stanley Works	39¼	39¼
Sun Company	28¼	28¼
Sun Microsys	29¼	29¼
Suntrust	48¼	49¼
Supervalu	26¼	26¼
Syntex Corp	23¼	23¼
Sysco Corp	25¼	25¼
TRW Inc	72¼	72¼
TOC Inds	3	3
Tandem Comp	16¼	16¼
Tandy Corp	43¼	43
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When risk becomes a gamble

With only weeks to go to the National Lottery's launch, **Liz Dolan** looks at four gambling types

When does an investor become a gambler? Some might argue that a gambler is anyone prepared to risk losing money in the hope of making a larger gain. In other words, people who invest in equities, or equity-related products, are gamblers in the widest sense of the word. Others would maintain that the true punter must be prepared to lose the whole of his or her stake at the turn of a roulette wheel, or by a short head in a five-furlong sprint at Sandown.

As the National Lottery publicity machine gears up for the maiden draw on Saturday, November 19, it is interesting to speculate on who will be laying out enormous sums on a pure win-or-lose punt and who will prefer to stick with, say, Premium Bonds, where the odds are longer, but the initial stake is safe.

Research carried out by Johnnie Johnson and Alistair Bruce, respectively of Southampton and Nottingham universities, indicates that there are four main types of gambler. The most successful are the "financial accumulators", who are interested primarily in making money. They study every variable and bet only at the last minute — whether it be on a racehorse, or shares in a quoted company. They make almost twice as much as "social gamblers", who are often more interested in discussing their experiences than in seriously weighing up the odds.

The most common gamblers are, what the researchers term, "crossword puzzlers", who get their principal enjoyment from studying the form. Unlike the "financial accumulators", these tend to place their bets too early to take account of last-minute changes. In investment terms, this category might include people who read the financial pages avidly, but then invest in shares that have already reacted to information known to the market. The fourth is the "thrill seeker", who gets his or her kicks from the risks involved and from the environment in which they take place. Penny share fans, take note.

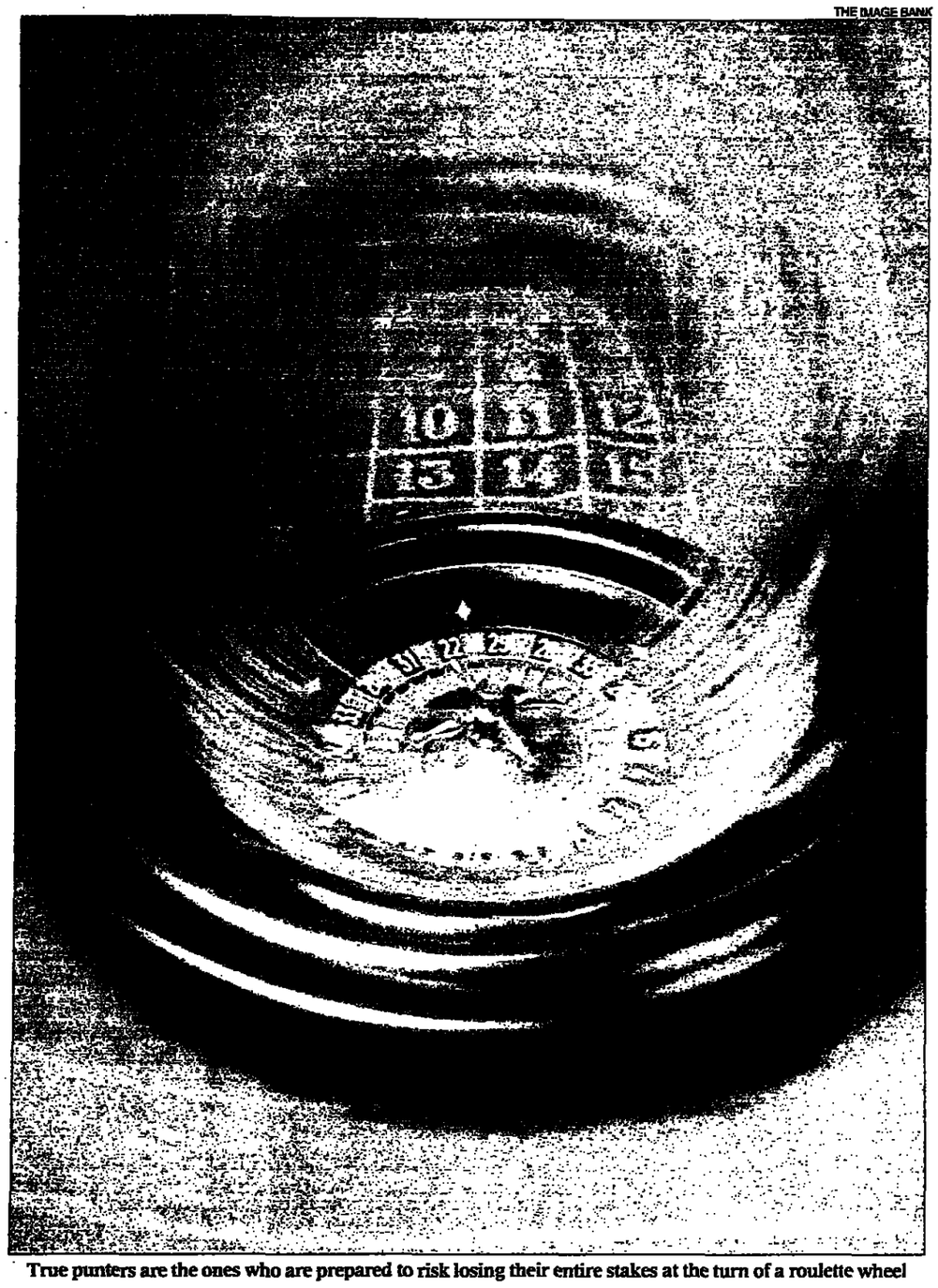
> Are you a social gambler, a thrill seeker or a financial accumulator?

Mr Johnson, who is director of Southampton's Centre for Risk Research, says: "Each of us has each of these motivations. It's just that one is likely to take precedence."

Games of pure chance, such as lotteries, are always subject to the laws of probability. Camelot, the organiser of the National Lottery, predicts that anyone who buys a £1 ticket every week will win at least one £10 prize every year. The chances of winning part, or all, of the jackpot, which is expected to be worth up to £2 million each week, are 14 million to one. The weekly odds against winning one of the prizes are 53 to one — one in every 54 tickets.

This week, Camelot starts training 30,000 shop assistants to operate on-line lottery machines due to be installed in 10,000 retail outlets over the next month or so. Punters will be asked to choose six numbers between one and 49, which will then be fed into the system. The machine prints out a ticket bearing the six chosen numbers, which the customer keeps until the next Saturday, when BBC1 viewers will see the winning numbers drawn.

To win £10, three of the six must be drawn. If four come up, the ticket-holder is likely to win "hundreds of pounds" — the exact figure depending on the number of tickets sold each week. Five means a win of about £1,500. Only one or two people are expected to have the full house that will win them the jackpot.



THE IMAGE BANK

True punters are the ones who are prepared to risk losing their entire stakes at the turn of a roulette wheel

National Savings — a safe bet

National Savings says it is completely relaxed about the arrival of the National Lottery. It says it sees the two being able to exist happily side by side. "For a start, you lose your money in a lottery, but you don't with us. We still feel our main competition will be the banks and building societies." However, as both are promoted by the Government, it would, in any case, be bad form to say otherwise, a spokesman admitted.

Premium Bonds will not be the subject of any special promotion in the run-up to the first lottery draw. "Apart from anything else, from what we've heard, their advertising budget for the launch is bigger than the amount we spend on all our products in a year."

The new £1 million top prize for bond holders, launched in April, helped to boost sales in the first six months of the year to more than £1 billion-worth of bonds. This means that National Savings sold more bonds in the first half of 1994 than for the whole of 1992 and 1993 put together.

February was a bonanza month because it was the last in which buyers could qualify for the first £1 million draw. April itself was another good month. But activity has slowed in recent months.

It is possible to divide the 23 million people who hold Premium Bonds into two categories. Those who plough in a sizeable sum can probably be loosely described as "investors", whereas those who buy the odd £100-worth of bonds are really just having a bit of a flutter.

The average holding is 180, but "well over half have five bonds or less", National Savings says.

This average has risen steeply in recent years. Until the minimum initial investment was increased from £10 to £100 in 1989, the average holding was 110 bonds. More than 10,000 people now have a maximum £20,000 worth of bonds, and well over 50,000 have £10,000 or more.

A complete list of winning numbers for every month's draw is available at main post offices, along with a complete list of unclaimed prizes, updated quarterly.

Is Ernie just a matter of luck?

Every individual Premium Bond has an equal chance of winning the top £1 million prize, says Ernie. But millions of punters are adamant that they do not. The two most popular areas of disagreement relate to newly-bought bonds and large holdings.

Peter Jenkin, of Watford, tells of six friends, with an average holding of £10,000 apiece. Each reported receiving many more prizes in the first few months after qualifying for the draw. After that, they won "perhaps one prize every three or four months, where they have remained more or less constant". Four of the six then cashed in about *half of their holding and reinvested immediately*. In three of the four cases, the new numbers started to come up soon after they qualified for the draw. David Parry-Jones, a Devon reader, reports having a similar experience. He says: "It always happens. Every time I have bought £1,000 worth of bonds over the years, I have won once, twice or even three times in the next couple of years, and then nothing at all."

Barbara and Eddie Dodds, of Middlesbrough, Cleveland, bought £1,000 of bonds in November 1992. Mr Dodds says: "*In March, the first* month after qualifying for the draw, we both won £50. We heard in the same post on the same day. Since then, neither of us has won anything."

National Savings says: "We can't explain it. We use a random electronic number selector. It's not a computer program. It's just a coincidence, honestly. We are constantly hoping that an old, old bond will win the £1 million prize, so we can prove it."

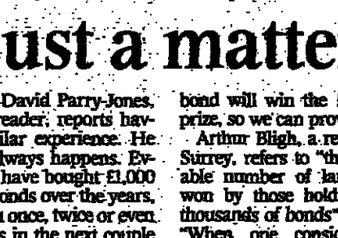
Arthur Bligh, a reader from Surrey, refers to "the remarkable number of large prizes won by those holding many thousands of bonds". He says: "When one considers how many millions of bonds are held by people whose individual holdings account for a few hundred, or fewer, is it not surprising that one of these bonds rarely wins *any* large prize?"

National Savings marketing literature puts the odds on any £1 bond coming up in any one month at 15,000/1. Those with a £1,250 holding could win something every year. A £5,000 holding could net four prizes a year on average, and one of £20,000, the maximum allowed for each investor, might result in 16 prizes a year.

But, these figures should be treated with caution, says Alan Ingram, of Glasgow. Mr Ingram wrote to National Savings this year to complain that his £5,000 holding had failed to win any prizes at all over a period of nine months. He was told that one in 20 people would have suffered the same fate. A spokesman added: "To put that into perspective, at July 1, there were 15,532 holders with exactly £5,000 in Premium Bonds. So, in any nine-month period, I would expect to see about 773 failing to win a prize."

National Savings denies Mr Ingram's contention that the figures contained in its promotional booklet, *Premium Bonds: Win £1 million every month, or your money back*, are misleading. It says: "Words such as 'suggests' and 'could' are used quite deliberately as, as the booklet also states, it all depends on luck."

The generation game



ANTHONY HARRIS

What does the stock market do? Silly question, you may think. As the Stock Exchange itself used to tell us, in its rather sub-O-level promotional films, it allocates the savings of the people into productive investment in industry. That makes a good story, but it is not even a caricature of the truth. Most of the activity we see is churning of one sort or another, as investors (and especially investment managers) take in each others' washing; the market would make brokers rich, even if there were no new issues at all. Sometimes, as in a season of cash takeovers, the flow is not from savers to industry, but the other way. This happened spectacularly on Wall Street in the 1980s, when the fashion was for companies to go private, and investors received no less than $600 billion; that financed the bull market.

It is true that the British market does normally raise new money; but the lion's share of this goes to the Government, which sells debt and assets as a less painful alternative to collecting taxes. Even this, though, can be a mere sideshow compared with the real business of the securities market: transferring money between the generations. People of working age save substantially, but almost unconsciously, through their pension schemes, or consciously through savings plans; the retired collect their pensions and cash handouts. The net flow through the system, therefore, depends crucially on the balance between contributors and beneficiaries. A young population pumps money into the system: an ageing population, or a mature pension scheme, may even suck it out.

The housebuilding industry understands this very well. The big builders put a lot of effort into demography, projecting the likely level of demand for new houses. This produces strikingly accurate results: the present weakness in the market was forecast in a National Institute study more than 30 years ago. However, builders cannot balance the market simply by slowing down. Most houses are bought second-hand, so periods of weak growth are also periods of weak prices.

The results look very unfair: members of a meagre generation grow effortlessly rich, as they buy their houses cheap, and sell them on retirement at the top of the market. This works like a tax imposed by the old on the young; and efforts to help the young, through mortgage tax relief, for example, push up prices and make the tax bigger. Baby boomers, by contrast, buy dear and sell cheap. But this cruel system makes economic sense. The retired consume but do not produce. When they become more numerous, the market raids their wealth, and so limits what might otherwise be insupportable claims on the economy.

The same process works, though *much less obviously, in the securities* market. Many pension funds are now nearing maturity, and paying out a far higher proportion of their inflows. As a result, they are likely to put only £4 billion to £5 billion into the market this year, down from £14 billion in 1989.

Life insurance is a bit more robust, but, even so, Peter Warburton, of Flemings, estimates that the inflow of institutional savings will be down 29 per cent this year from last. Small wonder that prices have been weak — and even less a pity. A weak market means that employers' contributions to pensions schemes will have to go up; as claims rise, the market enforces higher savings.

If it was all as simple as that, you could simply study the Registrar General's projections and plan a strategy for years to come. In the real world, though, the demographic tides are *swamped by market sentiment*, and by the monetary forces that drive markets up in slumps and down in booms (another way in which the market can stabilise the economy). But remember, like Canute, that the tide tables do matter. Historians will tell us that the great-bull market of the past 20 years happened simply because the world's rich were baby boomers. It may be a lifetime before it is again so easy to float up on the tide.

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Deadline looms for tax returns

Failure to tell the Revenue of your income could be costly, says Sara McConnell

If you are one of the 9 million people who have been sent a tax return this year, you should ring the last day of this month on the calendar. This is the final deadline for sending your completed return to the Inland Revenue.

Anyone who had income from investments, lettings, freelance work or other sources between April 1993 and April 1994, has to declare this, even if they are an employee and most of their income is taxed at source.

The Revenue says that there is little leeway for late filers after October 31. As far as it is concerned, it has allowed generous time for people to organise their affairs.

At the moment, there are no penalties for failing to file your tax return on time. But if it turns out you owe tax and were late declaring it, you may have to pay interest. This is charged at a set rate, which has just gone up from 5.5 to 6.2 per cent. In theory, you face being charged on the total amount of tax outstanding from the date the tax is owed until the dare the Revenue receives your return.

In practice, if you are an employee, any extra tax you owe will probably be recovered by adjusting your tax code. You will probably not face paying interest unless the sum outstanding is large, or you are resisting payment. But if you are self-employed, you are likely to start paying interest from December 1 on any tax you owe on personal income earned in 1993-94.

TAX CHECKLIST

If you are an employee: Your income will be taxed at source by your employer. If you have no other income, you will probably not even have received a tax return because your tax affairs are simple.

■ If you have other income (from investments, lettings or freelance work, for example) you have to declare this separately on your tax return. On this year's return, you should declare income earned in the 1993-94 tax year. If you have not been sent a form, this is no excuse. It is up to you to ask for one and send it back. If you do not declare income, you will be charged interest from the day you owe it.

Allowances: Before the start of the tax year in April, your employer will have been sent a notice of tax coding by the Revenue. The code, which tells your employer how much tax to deduct from your paypacket during 1994-95, is made up of allowances to which a taxpayer is entitled, minus benefits such as medical insurance, company cars and free petrol. The initial digits of the resulting figure when the allowances and benefits are all added up, plus a letter, determine the code (see graphic).

■ Coding notices are sent out in February. They are based on what the Revenue thinks your circumstances are. If you have not told the Revenue of changes in your life, such as marriage or death of a spouse, your code may be wrong.

■ When you fill in your tax return, this is your chance to ensure you are claiming all your allowances for 1994-95. You can claim the married couples' allowance only for the period after you marry. But if you are widowed, you can claim for all of the existing tax year and the year after. If you have separated or divorced and started to look after dependant children, or a disabled spouse, you can claim for all of the existing tax year and beyond. You can backdate allowances by up to six years.

■ If you see any discrepancies in your code, tell the taxman.

■ If your allowances change, the taxman will tell your employer your new code.

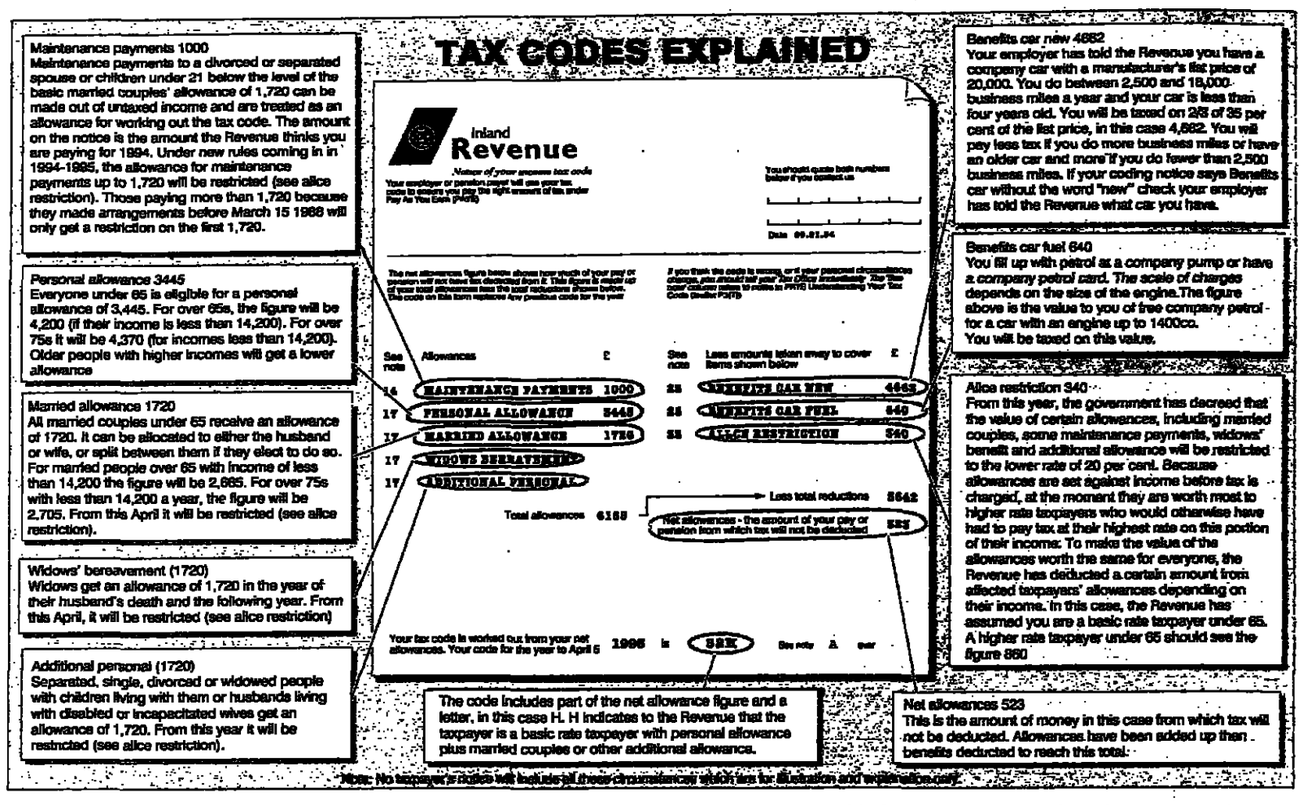
If you are self-employed: You must complete a tax return declaring your personal income from investments, lettings and non-business activities by October 31. Your business year may be different from the tax year, so business profits will be declared at the end of your business year.

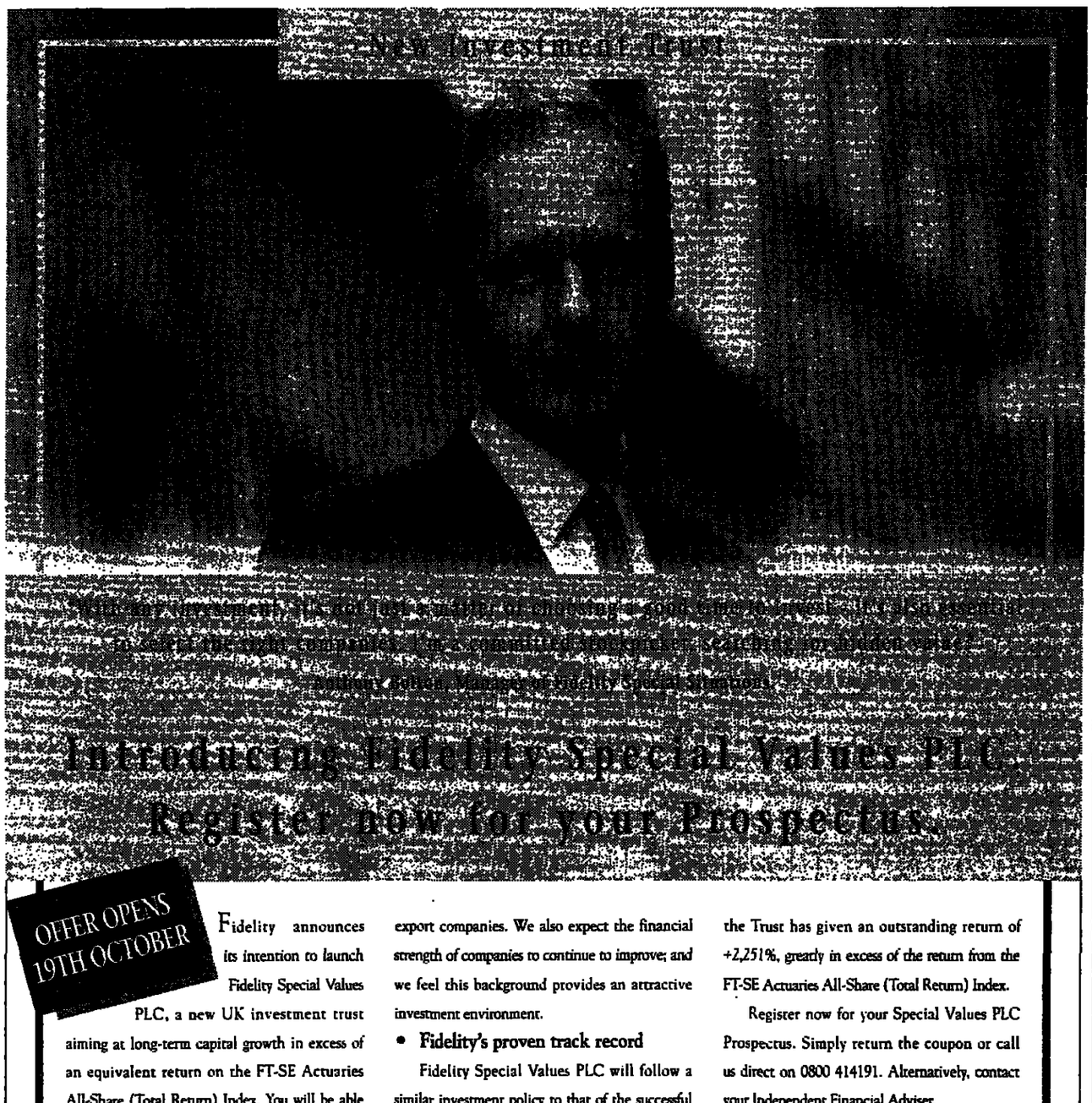
■ When the Revenue has received your return, it will issue an assessment.

■ You pay tax on profits from your business in two parts in January and July. In 1995, you will pay tax on profits earned in 1993-94. Depending on when your business year falls, you may pay tax on your personal investments separately or at the same time.

Self-employed allowances: You do not have a tax code. You have a notice of assessment that shows your allowances and how much tax the Revenue thinks you owe.

■ If you think you have been given the wrong allowances or reliefs, you or your accountant must tell the Revenue within 30 days, so that it can send you an amended notice.





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Under 65	£3,445
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75 and over	£2,705
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Additional allowances	
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William Pitt the Younger introduced income tax in 1797

Robert Miller on the Revenue's new system of self-assessment

Taxing changes to the rules

An automatic penalty of at least £100 will be imposed on people who file late tax returns under the Inland Revenue's new system of self-assessment. Interest and a 5 per cent surcharge will also be added to the unpaid tax bill from the date it is due. And if you do not pay up within six months, you will face a further 5 per cent surcharge.

There is a rolling timetable between now and April 1997, when the first self-assessment tax returns will be issued, and January 31, 1998, when the completed forms have to be filed with the Revenue. For some, such as those starting up in business, some of the self-assessment rules came into force at the start of the current tax year on April 6.

The system has undergone many changes since the introduction of income tax in 1797 by William Pitt the Younger to fund the Napoleonic Wars, and self-assessment is one of the biggest. The latest change affects anyone who files a tax return. That includes the self-employed, business partners and company directors, employees who pay tax at the higher rate, and other employees and pensioners with more complex tax affairs.

When you come to fill in your self-assessment tax return, you will have two options. You can work out how much tax you owe, or, possibly even how much the taxman owes you. This is known as the "taxpayer calculation". Alternatively, you can leave the Revenue to do the sums under a "Revenue calculation" banner, although you will in future have to send the return in by September 30 to leave enough time for the calculations to be done. Both methods count as self-assessment because the tax bill will be based on your own figures in either case. These figures will have to be specific to items such as taxable profits, salary, benefits-in-kind, and claims to reliefs. Filing on time also means that, if your tax is paid through PAYE, it will give the Revenue time to adjust your tax code for the next tax year, if necessary.

The new tax system, according to the Revenue, will be better because the tax on all your income and capital gains will be brought together, unlike the present regime, where different types of income have different rules and separate tax bills to pay on different dates. Your personal allowances and tax relief claims for the same tax year will be included in the same tax return. There will also be a clearer timetable for making returns and sending in payments. The payments will normally be due on January 31 and July 31 each year, unless most of the tax you pay is deducted at source — through PAYE, for example. The January payment will usually be for half the income tax amount due for the previous year, less any tax deducted at source. The second payment, in most cases, should be the same as the first.

The January payments each year will include two elements, the first payment on account for the current tax year and a balancing payment — or refund claim — to settle up the amount underpaid or overpaid on the tax calculation for the previous year. Only one cheque will be needed to cover both payments.

The Revenue will process your return and then check it. Most subsequent inquiries about returns will be because the tax inspector thinks that something is wrong, or more information is needed. The tax authorities generally have 12 months from the filing date for the return to notify you if they intend to make inquiries.

But even if there is no reason to query your return, there will still be random checks "to ensure that the system is operating fairly and properly, and that people are paying the right amount of tax", the Revenue says.

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A few years ago, the right to join the company pension scheme may not have seemed a very big deal to workers uninterested in saving for a retirement decades away. But, as ministers have made clear, state pensions will soon no longer be worth going to the Post Office for, and people who do not make their own arrangements could find themselves facing poverty.

As employers usually offer generous benefits to members of their pension schemes, the court has given part-time workers, on the face of it, a valuable right. It is particularly important that women, who make up the majority of the part-time workforce, should be able to build up some pension in a company scheme. Many women have been prevented from saving for retirement in their own right because they do not qualify for membership of their employer's scheme. Anyone offered membership of their company's scheme should go for it, as long as they can afford it and do not expect to change jobs frequently.

But they shouldn't hold their breath. Employers are enraged that the court has not set a time limit on how far part-timers can backdate pension rights. Terrified of huge costs, many of them will fight dirty all the way to the industrial tribunal. And they may well get their way. The court's decision was based on the fact that most part-timers are women. Employers who barred part-timers from their scheme could therefore be guilty of sex discrimination. But if there were other reasons — cost or administrative burden, for example — they could win at an industrial tribunal. Quite apart from this, anyone wanting to get back past pension rights will have to pay their share of contribution arrears, which will stop many people taking up their rights. There is still a long way to go.

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How to make tax child's play

Liz Dolan gives hints to parents on maximising children's entitlements


SANDRA LOUSADA

With a bit of planning and calculation, children can benefit from tax-free allowances and investments

Q I want to give my baby a nest egg for later years. What is the best investment?

A As a parent, you must keep an eye on the tax position when you give money or investments to your children. A child is entitled to the same personal allowance as an adult. But, if gifts from a parent produce a taxable income of more than £100 a year, this counts as the parent's income for tax purposes. The limit applies to each parent, which means that a child can receive a maximum taxable income of £200 a year from its parents before they have to pay tax on it. You should, therefore, avoid taxable sources of income, such as banks and building societies, if you are intending to give much more than £2,000. Two suitable investments in this case are National Savings Children's Bonds and "baby bonds" offered by friendly societies, as both are tax-free.

Q What exactly is a baby bond?

A This is the only insurance-based savings plan that can be taken out directly by children for a completely tax-free return. The investment has to be for a minimum of ten years, after which the child can either take the tax-free lump sum, or leave the money invested on a tax-free basis. The savings are invested in shares and other assets, either on a with-profits, or unit-linked, basis. The Government limits the amount anyone can invest tax-free with a friendly society to £200 a year (£18 a month). Societies sometimes accept smaller amounts, but rarely less than £100 a year, or £9 a month. Most societies allow you to invest a lump sum, usually a minimum of about £800, which is invested to produce the required sum each year to be paid into the bond. Because the amount invested is fairly small, charges are often high as a proportion of the return.

Q Which is the better investment: baby bonds or the National Savings Children's Bonus Bond?

A The latter offers a tax-free guaranteed annual return of 7.85 per cent over five years. It can be bought by anyone over 16 for anyone under 16 and can be held until the recipient reaches 21. The return on baby bonds is not guaranteed, and depends on the performance of shares and other unfixed investments. You can invest between £25 and £1,000 in the NS bond, which means that, unlike a baby bond, it is suitable both for very small investors and for those who want to invest more than £200 a year.

Q My son has been given £500 by his grandmother. How should it be invested?

A When a gift is made to a child by someone other than a parent, any income arising from the gift belongs to the child for tax purposes. So, as well as the NS Children's Bond, it is worth considering NS investment accounts, and bank and building society accounts — or, for the longer term, unit or investment trusts. Special children's accounts are more likely to pay higher rates for relatively small sums and they often include free gifts. Assuming (as is almost certainly the case) your son is a non-taxpayer, he will be able to receive tax-free interest on bank or building society accounts if you fill in form R85, available at banks, building societies and tax offices. Keep any letter or note accompanying the gift in case the Revenue requests proof of where it came from.

Q How do adult non-taxpayers receive investment income free of tax? I am a non-taxpayer, but have been paying tax on my building society account and on dividends from shares that I own. Can I get it back?

A There is no difference between adults and children in this respect. To reclaim the tax that you have already paid, complete form R40 and send it to your tax office, along with the tax credits received with the dividends, and statement of interest paid from the building society. You do not have to wait until the end of the tax year to reclaim tax, but claims for less than £50 will not be processed until the end of the year, or until your claim exceeds £50. To receive tax-free building society interest in the future, fill in form R85.

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■ Death duty was introduced in 1894. Estates worth between £100 and £500 were taxed at 1 per cent. Those over £1 million were subject to 8 per cent tax.

■ From 1909, anyone with an annual income of more than £5,000 had to pay supertax at 6d (2.5p) in the pound. The money was used to replace workhouses and harsh Poor Laws with an old age pension.

■ Purchase tax, managed by Customs and Excise, was introduced in 1941 during the Second World War. Luxury goods were taxed heavily, but necessities such as food and heating were exempt.

■ Pay As You Earn also came into being in the Second World War. As many more people earned enough to pay income tax, a system was adopted in which employers deducted tax and paid it to the Revenue.

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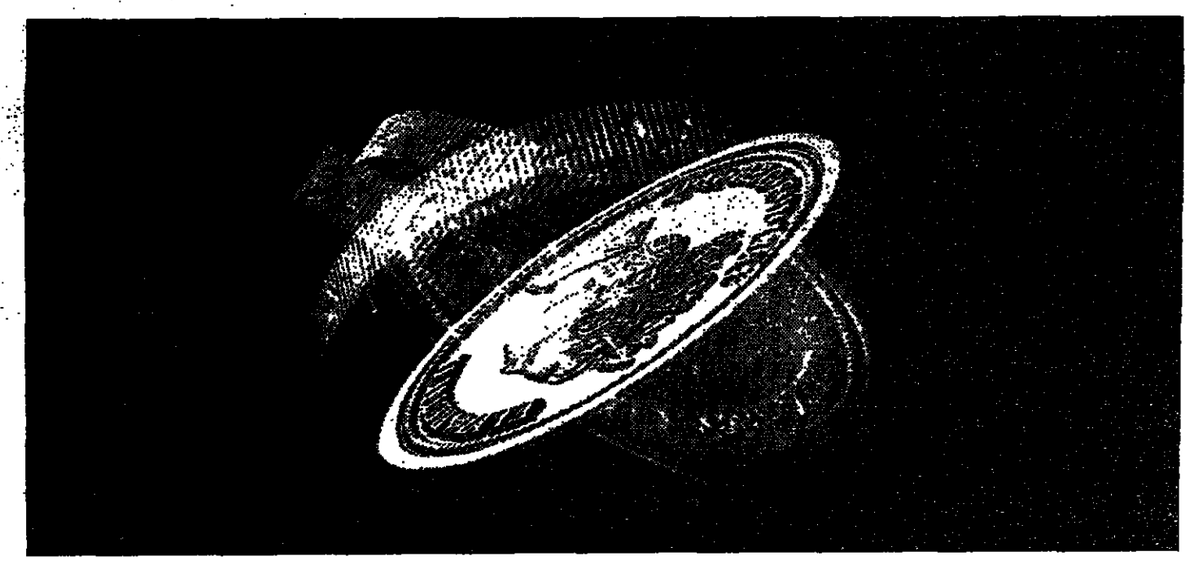
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Kathryn Knight and **Liz Dolan** report on a student campaign against two high street banks

Lamb takes on banking lions

At the start of the new academic year, student unions across the country are engaged in a vigorous leafleting campaign to encourage students to boycott Lloyds and Midland banks. A recent survey suggests that the Lloyds and Midland Boycott (Lamb) campaign has made inroads into the number of students registering accounts at the two high street banks since it was launched three years ago.

The Lamb campaign, set up in Manchester in 1991, and supported by 22 student unions across the country, aims to persuade high street banks to cancel their Third World debt. Initially, the organisers planned to boycott the four largest banks. But this plan was abandoned because of the poor campus penetration of suitable alternatives.

Lloyds and Midland were singled out because of the perceived size of the debt they held and their participation in Third World bank advisory committees.

But Lamb claims: "Experience has shown that targeted boycotts affect all players in the field."

Paul Monaghan, one of the founders of the campaign, says: "We aim to get as many individuals and institutions as possible to move accounts and take their money elsewhere."

In a survey carried out during the summer, Lamb discovered that about 20 of the 59 universities questioned had passed policies supporting the boycott. Fewer than 30 of 400 freshers surveyed by Manchester University's students' union last year had opened accounts with Lloyds and Midland. Of those questioned, 85 per cent said they had been influenced by the campaign.

Melanie Jarman, general secretary of the Manchester union, says: "Freshers in particular are very receptive to the campaign. They seem keen to make a statement."

> "We aim to get as many as possible to move accounts and take their money elsewhere"

Lloyds says that, nationally, it was opening more student accounts than it did last year. But, it will not comment on regional trends. According to Tony Davies, general manager of the bank's risk management division, the bank is keen to continue negotiations with student representatives. "We've already had a number of meetings with representatives of Lamb and have explained our stance. We are convinced that our policy regarding Third World debt is right. However, we are anxious to maintain a dialogue."

The Midland Bank says: "Clearly, we do talk to Lamb. We've met them three or four times. We actually held a debate with them at Bradford University, which seemed to go down reasonably well. But the figures they're using are way out of date. They're from 1989. Our Third World debt exposure is much much lower nowadays."

The bank claims it is too early to say how many students are signing up with Midland this year, but says "last year we experienced record recruitment".

This year, the Co-operative Bank has entered the student banking market for the first time, with the launch of its "ethically aware" student account. Among other things, this promises not to do business with oppressive regimes.

Jo Miller, a third year medical student at Manchester, switched to a Co-op account last Easter after seeing a pilot scheme advertised on campus.

She says: "I have always tried to bank ethically. As a medical student, I'm going to be involved with people's lives. But it's not just people like me. I think everyone should feel the same way. I can't equate what I do with the banks' relationship with Third World regimes."

Ms Miller moved from the Midland to the Royal Bank of Scotland in her first year, after hearing about the Lamb campaign. "But I jumped at the chance to join the Co-op at the first opportunity."


PAUL SANDERS

Ethics girl: Jo Miller switched to the Co-op last Easter

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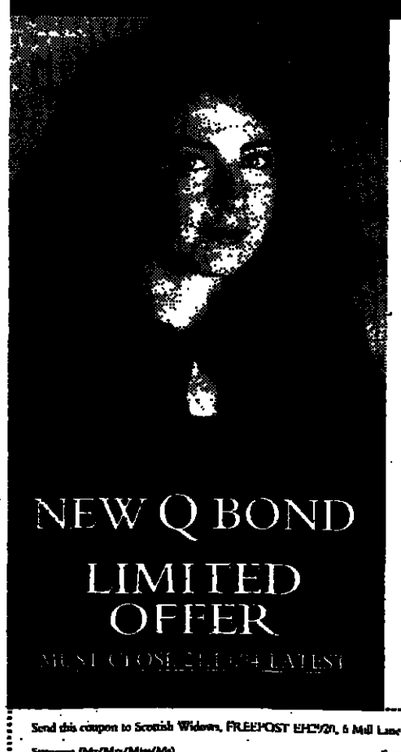
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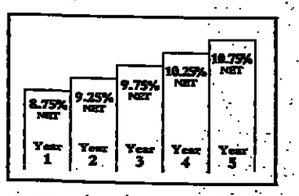
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Placing faith in trusts

Robert Miller takes a look at some of the new investment trusts for the autumn

The autumn bandwagon of investment trust launches is well and truly under way. Over the next few weeks, leading investment houses such as Prolific, Fidelity, and Lazard Brothers between them plan to pull in more than £100 million of funds. Schroders and Henderson TR also have plans in the pipeline for new trusts.

Prolific has already raised more than £30 million for its new Income Investment Trust, with some two weeks of the offer period still left. The maximum it can raise is £75 million. The new UK equity income trust has a minimum investment of £2,000 and aims for an initial yield of 4.5 per cent.

Tim Gregory, who will manage the "Pepable" trust, says this target is not "outrageously high" and should be achievable. He hopes also that it will leave scope for increasing the income stream in successive years as well as the prospect of capital growth.



LONDON WEEKEND TELEVISION

Safe hands: Prolific will look for manufacturers with strong exports such as Trinity, makers of Dennis fire engines

Mr Gregory expects the initial portfolio to consist of about 50 companies with a weighting towards small and medium-sized companies. Up to 15 per cent may be invested in fixed-interest instruments. He says: "We will be particularly looking at manufacturing companies which have a strong element of overseas earnings." Possible candidates include Siebe, TI and Trinity Holdings, maker of Dennis fire engines and buses.

Lazard this week finally rolled out its new Brewers investment trust which hopes to raise up to £50 million and has a minimum investment of £1,000. The offer period closes on October 22. Lazard is currently working on the launch of a new Indian trust.

Fidelity will launch its Special Values capital growth trust on October 19. It will invest in special situation companies, mostly in the UK.

Peter Walls, analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing, says investors in the new crop of trusts must take at least a three-to-five-year view. For the more specialist trust, this should be stretched to ten years.

Pension nest eggs can be a let-down

Your payout on a personal pension or life assurance policy could be cut by thousands of pounds if you inadvertently choose a poorly performing fund or a life office with above-average charges, a survey published this week shows.

From next January, life companies will have to tell you what they take from your premiums in charges and expenses, including commission. However, many experts believe that it will still be hard for policyholders to compare policies. Good past performance, or even good performance in a certain sector, is also no guarantee of good future performance, and the skills of different companies' fund managers vary dramatically.

The less time your money stays invested, the more risk you run of losing out. The survey, by *Money Marketing*, the specialist magazine, and Alexander Clay and Partners, the actuary, shows that, if you put aside money for your personal pension in MGM's Special Situations fund or Black Horse Life's managed or UK equity fund six years before you retired in April 1994, you would have got back less than you put in.

If you had invested £50 a month since age 59, the £3,300 you had paid would have shrunk to £2,763 in the hands of MGM by the time you retired at 65. In Black Horse Life's managed fund, you would have had £2,971 and, in the UK equity fund, £2,782. If you had chosen Rothschild's deposit fund for your money, the fund would have grown to £4,105. Life companies managed to produce an average payout of £3,454. In practice, it would probably not have been good advice for someone only six years away from retirement to put their money in a high-risk fund such as Special Situations, but Black Horse Life managed to lose money on both its UK equity fund and its managed funds, generally reckoned to be less risky.

Few companies are consistently bad, however. If you had invested £35 a month for ten years in a maximum investment plan (a savings plan with some life assurance) linked to MGM's managed fund, your £4,200 would have nearly tripled to £12,568. The average managed fund would have returned £6,752.

If you had surrendered a ten-year maximum investment plan after only five years, you would get back 54 per cent of your money from Liberty Life, but only 33.4 per cent from Allied Dunbar.

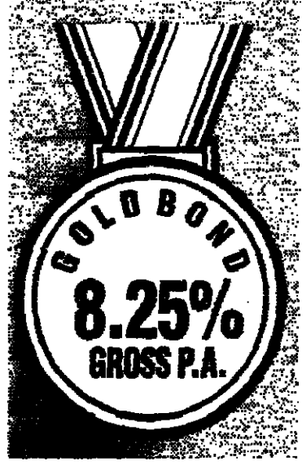
High charges can also significantly reduce your payout. If, at 60, you had started putting £50 into a personal pension with Providence Capitol, the highest charger on personal pensions, your £3,300 would be reduced to £2,760 by charges. With no charges, the investment would have grown to £4,237.

If you had saved £50 a month since 45 (more realistic than starting a pension at 60), your £12,000 would have grown to £22,208 with high-charging Providence Capitol, but to £29,422 with Professional Life.

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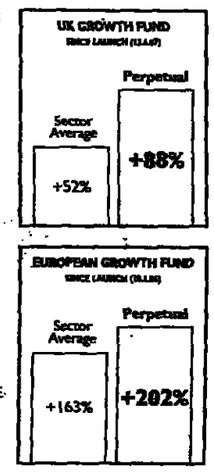
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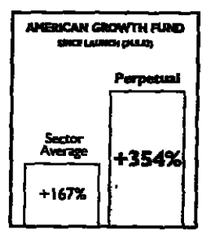
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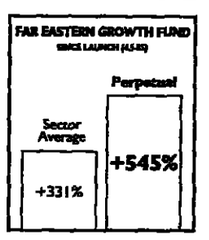
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	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 071 538 8800				
Balanced	446.30	472.30	-2.70	...
UK Equity	553.00	585.20	-6.40	...
Property	490.00	518.60	-3.10	...
Fixed Interest	303.40	321.10	+1.00	...
Money	249.60	264.20	-0.90	...
International	377.30	399.30	+0.30	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	284.80	299.80	-0.80	...
-do- Acc	519.70	547.10	-1.30	...
Equity Fd Inc	159.00	167.40	-0.90	0.0
-do- Acc	212.30	223.40	-1.20	0.0
Selective Fd	474.30	499.30	+0.50	0.0
Money Fd	374.80	394.60	+0.20	
Prop Fd Ser 4	405.50	426.90	-1.00	
Equity Ser 4	206.30	217.20	-0.80	
Man Ser 4	652.70	687.10	-2.50	0.0
Conv Ser 4	326.50	343.70	+0.10	
Money Ser 4	326.20	343.40	-0.10	
Fixed Int Ser 4	330.80	348.30	-2.10	0.0
American Ser 4	476.70	501.80	-0.30	0.0
High Inc Ser 4	646.10	680.20	-3.10	0.0
Indexed Inv Ser 4	203.60	214.40	+1.90	0.0
Japan Ser 4	374.60	394.40	-5.10	0.0
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	£14.67	£15.44	-12.40	...
European Fd Acc	360.20	379.20	-2.10	...
Fixed Int Acc	479.10	504.20	+2.20	...
Gld Money Acc	331.90	349.30	+0.20	...
Intl Managed Acc	600.20	631.70	-3.30	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	307.30	323.40	+0.20	...
Japan Fund	304.60	320.60	-0.60	...
N American Acc	308.90	325.10	+2.30	...
Prop Fd Acc	443.90	467.20	+1.80	...
Multiple Inv Acc	£10.03	£10.56	-4.30	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	370.20	389.70	+0.20	...
Equity Acc	£13.73	£14.45	-12.10	...
Property Acc	570.10	600.20	...	
Far East Acc	339.80	357.70	-3.30	...
Managed Capital	522.60	550.20	-2.50	...
-do- Acc	£10.59	£11.15	-7.00	...
Overseas Acc	895.30	942.50	-11.00	...
Gilt Edged Acc	463.80	488.30	-3.80	...
Amer Equity Acc	739.10	778.10	+3.60	...
Amer Man Acc	317.20	333.90	+2.80	...
Amer Prop Acc	115.00	121.10	+0.20	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 6	150.60	158.50	+1.20	...
Balncd Ser 6	682.10	717.90	+4.70	...
Opportunity Ser 6	156.50	164.70	-1.60	...
Distribution Ser 6	95.40	100.40	-0.10	7.17
UK Equities Ser 6	921.80	970.30	-0.50	...
Higher Inc Ser 6	988.00	£10.40	+0.50	...
North Amer Ser 6	426.80	449.30	+2.40	...
Far East Ser 6	597.30	628.70	-1.60	...
Europe Ser 6	353.80	372.40	-1.40	...
Intnl Ser 6	553.80	582.90	-1.60	...
Property Ser 6	562.80	592.40	-0.10	
Fixed Int Ser 6	399.00	420.00	+7.20	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec Sb	174.10	183.20	+1.20	...
Gteed Dep Ser 6	294.10	309.50	...	
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	797.40	839.40	-4.90	...
-do- Initial	529.90	557.80	-4.80	...
Gilt Edged Acc	360.30	379.30	+2.10	...
-do- Initial	241.50	254.20	+0.70	...
International Acc	400.60	421.70	-0.50	...
-do- Initial	266.70	280.80	-1.20	...
Managed Acc	505.50	532.20	-1.30	...
-do- Initial	337.90	355.70	-1.90	...
Money Acc	288.90	304.20	+0.30	...
Property Acc	304.10	320.20	-2.20	...
-do- Initial	201.90	212.60	-1.30	...
America Acc	269.20	283.40	+0.90	...
Australia Acc	214.70	226.00	-0.60	...
Financial Acc	306.50	322.70	-0.80	...
500 Accum	431.30	454.00	-4.60	...
Japan Genl Acc	371.30	390.90	+3.50	...
Income Acc	495.30	521.40	-2.30	...
Leisure Acc	219.20	230.80	-0.90	...
Special Sits Acc	222.90	234.70	-2.00	...
Univ Tech Acc	157.10	165.40	...	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	783.16	783.16	-2.35	...
Income Fund	735.07	773.76	-8.13	...
Extra Income	666.99	702.10	-7.05	...
Worldwide Gth	496.09	522.20	-0.77	...
Balanced Fund	634.65	668.06	-3.27	...
Smllr Cos Recov	670.57	705.87	-10.00	...
N Amer & Genrl	344.11	362.23	+0.95	...
Pacific Basin	456.32	480.34	+2.06	...
German Growth	235.17	247.55	+0.13	...
Japan Growth	194.29	204.52	-0.53	...
The UK Gth Fd	201.37	211.97	-1.87	...
Cond Euro Gth	130.46	137.33	+1.10	...
Property Fund	403.27	424.50	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	287.59	302.73	+2.64	...
Cash Fund	281.22	296.03	+0.19	...
Managed Inv	475.05	500.06	-1.54	...
Nth Amer Recov	229.18	241.25	-0.38	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	497.12	523.29	-1.36	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 31, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 866000				
Measured Perf	157.70	166.00	-3.10	...
Performance Plus	162.80	172.20	-1.90	...
With Profit Perf	170.50	180.40	+0.10	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Opportunity	168.00	177.70	-2.80	...
Euro Opportunity	216.50	229.00	-0.90	...
North Amer Opp	160.60	169.90	-1.10	...
Far East Opp	198.00	210.40	-3.40	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	133.60	140.60	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	187.00	197.80	+0.70	...
Fixed Int	176.30	186.50	+2.10	...
Cash	155.70	164.70	-0.10	...
Overseas	187.50	198.40	-2.30	...
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Managed Fund	329.20	346.60	-1.90	...
UK Equity	531.80	559.80	-3.20	...
Property	299.70	315.50	-0.10	...
Money Market	250.60	263.80	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	291.00	306.40	+0.10	...
Japan	399.40	420.50	-8.80	...
North America	148.40	156.30	-1.40	...
International	297.00	312.70	-3.50	...
European	277.50	292.20	-0.90	...
Far East	141.60	149.10	-2.50	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	271.20	...	+22.70	...
Managed	315.70	332.40	-2.00	...
Property	238.00	250.60	-1.60	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	228.60	240.70	+1.20	...
Equity	347.70	366.00	-3.70	...
Cash	215.80	227.20	+0.30	...
CLife Euro Mgd	360.20	379.20	-2.80	...
CLife Intl Fd	349.80	368.30	-1.80	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	179.30	188.70	-2.60	...
Managed Fund	575.50	605.80	-3.80	...
Equity Fund	322.80	339.80	-2.60	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	278.80	293.50	-2.40	...
Ruby	174.60	183.80	-2.00	...
Emerald	139.60	147.00	+0.70	...
Equity	309.30	325.60	-3.40	...
Property	233.10	245.40	+0.40	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	191.50	201.60	+1.00	...
Indexed Secs	161.50	170.00	+1.40	...
Cash	185.90	195.70	+0.10	...
Nth American	213.70	225.00	-0.40	...
Far East	337.00	354.80	-3.30	...
International	239.80	252.50	-1.70	...
Special Sits	322.50	339.50	-4.30	...
Intl Income	281.70	296.60	-2.40	...
American Inc	186.50	196.80	+1.10	...
European	306.30	322.50	-2.40	...
Japanese	152.90	161.00	-0.70	...
SE Asia	373.10	392.80	-3.80	...
With Profits Reg	162.50	171.10	+0.20	...
-do- Spec	162.50	171.10	+0.20	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	310.30	326.60	-2.80	...
Equity	358.50	377.40	-4.50	...
Property	213.40	224.70	-0.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	236.50	249.00	+1.10	...
Index Linked	170.00	179.00	-1.50	...
Cash	248.20	261.30	...	...
Nth American	257.10	270.70	-0.50	...
Far East Acc	339.20	357.10	-3.10	...
International Acc	301.70	317.60	-2.20	...
Special Sits	463.60	488.10	-3.00	...
European Flex	423.30	445.60	-3.80	...
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-do- Pacemaker	1306.27	...	...	...
-do- Cash	202.56	212.89	+0.09	...
-do- Equity	514.80	541.89	-6.26	...
-do- Fxd Int	331.75	349.21	+0.48	...
-do- Managed	367.66	387.01	-3.38	...
-do- Property	317.48	334.19	-2.49	...
(Pens)- Cash Cap	207.73	218.63	-0.01	...
-do- Cash Inv	302.17	318.08	+0.47	...
-do- Equity Cap	£13.57	£14.28	-30.14	...
-do- Equity Inv	£19.74	£20.77	-40.99	...
-do- Fixed Cap	366.40	385.69	+0.36	...
-do- Fixed Inv	532.96	561.02	+1.27	...
-do- Index Cap	193.35	203.53	+0.90	...
-do- Index Inv	281.24	296.06	+1.71	...
Mngd Cap	539.46	567.86	-9.80	...
Mngd Inv	784.70	826.01	-13.12	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
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Prime: Managed	388.80	409.30	-2.00	...
Prime: UK Equity	461.20	485.50	-4.70	...
Prime: Int Equity	304.30	320.40	-2.60	...
Prime: Property	253.60	267.00	+0.30	...
Prime: Fxd Int	222.00	233.70	+1.90	...
Prime: Index-Lnk	163.60	172.30	+1.70	...
Prime: Cash	203.80	214.60	+0.20	...
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Managed Fund	£11.36	£11.96	...	0.0
Equity Fund	£16.25	£17.10	...	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	577.20	607.50	-3.80	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	350.50	368.90	+1.70	...
Life Equity Acc	790.20	831.70	-5.50	...
Life Money Acc	299.40	315.10	+0.20	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	804.60	846.90	-8.90	...
Life Intl Acc	501.70	528.10	-3.40	...
Life High Inc Acc	756.20	795.90	-6.80	...
Life Property Acc	268.70	282.80	-3.90	...
Crown Brit Inv A	£13.89	...	...	...
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EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	174.30	183.50	+0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	234.90	247.30	-1.90	...
-do- Series 2	153.30	161.40	-1.20	...
Adventurous Fd	195.30	205.60	-3.20	...
-do- Series 2	149.00	156.90	-2.40	...
Performance Fd	244.70	257.60	-2.20	...
-do- Series 2	161.20	169.70	-1.40	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	133.90	141.00	-0.40	...
UK Equity Fund	153.40	161.50	-1.20	...
Property Fund	125.10	131.70	+0.20	...
Envrnmntl Opps	155.50	163.70	-1.30	...
Euro Fund	184.70	194.50	-3.10	...
North Amer Fd	183.20	192.90	-0.90	...
Oriental Ops	247.90	261.00	-4.00	...
Japanese Fund	136.20	143.40	-2.00	...
Bd & West Life	122.60	129.10	+0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	137.50	144.80	+0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
EagleMid Uts	247.60	256.60	-1.50	3.57
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	295.40	311.00	-1.80	...
UK Equity	383.50	403.70	-2.00	...
Stewardship	333.20	350.80	-2.20	...
Overseas Equity	281.40	296.30	-2.30	...
North American	144.40	152.10	-0.10	...
Pacific Basin	169.30	178.30	-1.80	...
European	206.90	217.80	-1.10	...
Property	207.60	218.60	-2.70	...
Fixed Interest	217.30	228.80	+1.20	...
Index Linked	160.80	169.30	+1.40	...
Cash	199.20	209.70	+0.10	...
Formerly NM Life				
Equity	141.60	149.00	-1.00	...
Fixed Interest	507.40	534.10	+5.40	...
Managed	681.80	717.60	-3.40	...
Deposit	339.30	357.10	+0.30	...
Property	476.20	501.20	-0.40	...
American	392.50	413.10	-0.10	...
Australian	514.80	541.80	+0.10	...
European	511.60	538.50	-12.40	...
Income Acc	742.80	781.80	+9.40	...
-do- Dist	431.40	454.10	-4.60	4.05
International	314.20	330.70	-1.60	...
Japan Smaller	572.20	602.30	-2.00	...
Singapore & Mal	418.90	440.90	-5.30	...
Smaller Cos	407.20	428.60	-27.00	...
Tokyo Fund	729.40	767.70	-3.60	...
UK Equity	560.20	589.60	-4.90	...
CCM Vangd Mg	723.30	761.30	-2.40	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	373.30	393.00	-2.40	
GT Plan Wwide	524.30	551.80	-2.90	
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628962				
Managed	204.50	215.20	-1.20	
Unitised Profit	134.60	141.60	+0.20	
UK Equity	266.20	280.20	-1.40	
Fixed Int	182.20	191.70	+0.70	
Index-Linked	157.90	166.10	+1.60	
Cash Deposit	173.30	182.30	+0.10	
Property	185.60	195.20	-0.10	
International	174.80	183.90	-1.60	
American	154.30	162.50	+0.80	
Japan	263.30	277.00	-1.00	
Japan Smllr Cos	269.60	283.70	-1.00	
European	176.20	185.30	-2.70	
Pacific Fund	308.80	325.00	-5.00	
Conv Life	121.30	127.60	-0.50	
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	671.60	671.60	-3.20	
-do- Inv A	671.50	707.00	-3.30	
UK Equity	386.80	407.30	-1.60	
Gilt Plus	190.30	200.40	+0.80	
Managed	297.00	312.80	-1.40	
Inter Man	268.90	283.10	-1.80	
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange, London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	797.20	830.40	-2.50	
Managed Initial	450.00	473.30	-3.20	...
-do- Acc	639.10	672.70	-3.70	...
Equity Initial	647.20	683.10	-6.30	...
-do- Acc	919.20	967.60	-11.00	...
Fixed Int Initial	419.10	441.10	+3.70	
-do- Acc	595.20	626.50	+5.60	...
Intl Initial	465.90	490.40	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	661.70	696.50	-0.90	...
Nth Amer Initial	168.10	176.90	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	217.30	228.70	+0.90	...
Pacific Initial	256.00	269.40	-2.00	...
-do- Acc	327.80	345.00	-2.30	...
Property Initial	178.70	188.30	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	253.90	267.30	+0.70	...
Index-Lnkd Initl	152.30	160.30	+1.70	...
-do- Acc	196.70	207.00	+2.20	...
Deposit Initial	196.60	206.90	...	...
-do- Acc	278.90	293.50	...	...
Euro Initial	103.10	108.50	-1.50	...
-do- Acc	123.10	129.60	-1.80	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939				
Managed	162.50	171.00	-0.80	...
-do- Pens	197.70	208.10	-1.00	...
UK Equity	161.50	170.00	-0.40	...
-do- Pens	181.80	191.30	-0.60	...
International	147.00	154.70	-0.60	...
-do- Pens	159.80	168.20	-0.70	...
Deposit	139.10	146.40	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	164.30	172.80	+0.10	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	349.20	371.50	-0.70	...
North America	333.40	354.70	+1.40	...
Far East Fund	689.90	734.00	-5.00	...

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Global Managed	468.40	498.40	+0.40	...
Deposit Fund	228.00	240.00	...	...
Prime Residential	134.00	141.10	...	...
European Fund	255.50	271.90	-1.10	...
Fixed Interest	61.10	65.10	+0.20	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	489.70	518.30	-2.80	...
British Fund	497.40	526.40	-3.30	...
International	534.10	565.20	-0.20	...
Dollar Fund	359.80	380.80	+2.30	...
Capital Fund	457.90	484.60	-2.40	...
Income Fund	648.60	686.40	-5.90	...
Property Series A	462.70	489.70	-0.60	4.80
Property Units	762.00	800.10	-2.00	...
Financial Fund	544.30	576.00	-3.80	...
Managed Ser A	518.50	548.70	-1.80	...
Managed Units	927.10	975.90	-3.30	...
High Yield Fund	618.40	654.40	-6.10	...
Money Series A	286.60	303.30	+0.20	...
Money Units	379.30	399.30	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	588.90	623.20	-3.20	...
Fixed Interest	338.50	358.30	+0.40	...
Indexed Secs	178.00	188.40	+1.50	...
European Fund	707.90	749.20	-4.70	...
Natural Res	319.80	338.50	-5.10	...
Far East Fund	682.80	722.60	-5.10	...
Smaller Cos	479.30	507.20	-6.60	...
Special Sits	421.70	446.30	-2.10	...
Man Currency	260.60	275.80	+0.20	...
Japanese Tech	299.90	317.40	-5.60	...
US Smaller Cos	214.50	227.00	+4.10	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 48081				
Global Managed	542.00	570.50	-2.00	...
Global Property	289.10	304.30	...	...
Global Fixed Int	480.40	505.70	+6.70	...
Global Equity	575.60	605.90	-3.90	...
Global Cash	212.10	223.30	+0.10	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE *Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ* 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	461.10	485.30	+2.50	...
Property	487.00	512.60	+0.20	...
Managed	402.30	423.40	-2.10	...
American	383.70	403.80	-0.20	...
UK Equity Fd	426.30	448.70	-3.10	...
Japan	221.10	232.70	-2.40	...
Index-Lkd	176.20	185.40	+1.50	...
High Yield	810.20	852.80	-6.60	...
Growth Cap	407.00	428.40	+2.10	...
Money	400.60	421.60	+0.20	...
International	394.90	415.60	-2.80	...
Henderson Active	217.80	229.20	-0.80	...
Perpetual Active	326.10	343.20	-2.90	...
Growth Cap	407.00	428.40	+2.10	...
-do- Acc	628.90	661.90	-3.40	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	135.10	142.30	...	...
-do- Acc	185.50	195.30	+0.10	...
Brit Opps Init	136.80	144.00	-1.30	...
-do- Acc	168.50	177.40	-3.60	...
Cash Initial	167.40	176.30	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	285.90	301.00	+0.20	...
Equity Initial	620.70	653.40	-6.00	...
-do- Acc	£10.60	£11.16	-10.20	...
Fixed Initial	325.20	342.40	+1.80	...
-do- Acc	555.60	584.90	+3.00	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	129.10	135.90	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	188.20	198.20	+2.50	...
Intl Initial	348.80	367.20	-2.60	...
-do- Acc	586.80	617.70	-4.20	...
Managed Initial	467.40	492.00	-3.10	...
-do- Acc	798.60	840.70	-5.10	...
Property Initial	216.60	228.00	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	370.10	389.60	+0.30	...
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£125.46	...	-0.80	...
Property Units	£27.06	...	-0.01	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£62.48	£65.77	-0.61	...
2nd Equity Acc	611.00	643.20	-10.80	...
2nd High Inc Ac	590.10	621.20	-8.10	...
2nd Property Acc	246.80	259.80	-0.10	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	176.10	185.40	-0.60	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	459.20	483.40	-4.10	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	230.80	243.00	-1.90	...
2nd Deposit Acc	279.00	293.60	...	...
2nd Gilt Acc	287.20	302.30	+1.30	...
2nd Amer Acc	635.00	668.50	-2.10	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	258.80	272.40	-0.70	...
2nd Index Acc	199.70	210.20	+0.40	...
2nd Far East Acc	474.00	499.00	-5.20	...
2nd Global Acc	173.40	182.50	-1.70	...
2nd Euro Acc	164.10	172.70	-1.60	...
2nd Japan Acc	205.60	216.40	-1.80	...
2nd Intl Cr Bd Acc	160.30	168.80	-0.80	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	125.40	132.00	-1.00	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	£880.70	...	-0.80	...
Fixed Interest	£395.20	...	+4.10	...
Property	£402.40	...	+0.40	...
Deposit	£292.97	...	+0.20	...
Mixed	£584.20	...	...	...
Indexed Stock	£204.50	...	+3.00	...
International	£292.70	...	-1.00	...
Equity A	£204.40	...	-0.20	...
Fixed Int A	£175.40	...	+1.80	...
Property A	£176.90	...	+0.10	...
Deposit A	£170.90	...	+0.10	...
Mixed A	£192.10	...	...	...
Index Stock A	£160.20	...	+2.40	...
International A	£182.90	...	-0.70	...
Equity P	£724.90	...	-2.00	...
Fixed Int P	£518.90	...	+5.80	...
Property P	£330.50	...	+0.40	...
Deposit P	£342.80	...	+0.80	...
Mixed P	£537.50	...	-0.80	...
Index Stock P	£234.10	...	+3.20	...
International P	£341.80	...	-1.80	...

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LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282484				
Inv Trust Cap	£600.00	...	-3.40	...
-do- Acc	£996.50	...	-4.80	...
Property Cap	£152.30	...	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	£243.50	...	+0.40	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£185.20	...	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	£297.60	...	+1.50	...
Equity Cap	£305.20	...	-2.50	...
-do- Acc	£496.90	...	-3.60	...
Internatl Cap	£238.20	...	-1.50	...
-do- Acc	£384.20	...	-2.30	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£166.00	...	...	...
-do- Acc	£263.50	...	+0.20	...
Flexible Cap	£335.90	...	-2.00	...
-do- Acc	£545.60	...	-2.70	...
Moneymaker Fd	£420.30	...	-1.70	...
Capital Growth	£16.22	...	-11.00	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	402.60	422.80	-0.50	...
Amer Rec Bond	472.10	495.80	-4.70	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	229.70	241.30	+3.60	...
Australasia Bd	237.50	249.60	-2.30	...
Commodity Bond	339.70	356.70	+4.30	...
Deposit Bond Acc	359.20	377.30	+0.20	...
Equity Bond Acc	£14.85	£15.59	-21.00	...
European Bd Acc	379.90	399.00	+0.20	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	711.60	747.30	-6.20	...
Far East Bd Acc	328.30	344.90	-4.50	...
Gilt Bond Acc	412.60	433.40	+3.20	...
Gold Bond Acc	187.40	196.90	+1.20	...
High Yield Bond	330.00	346.50	+1.00	...
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	199.10	209.20	+2.50	...
International Bd	787.10	826.50	-3.70	...
Japan Bond Acc	293.50	308.30	-2.10	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	294.80	309.50	-1.10	...
Managed Bonds	873.50	917.20	-0.90	...
Prop Bond Acc	328.80	345.30	+2.10	...
Rec Bond Acc	741.90	779.20	-1.90	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	215.60	227.00	-2.20	...
UK Equity Acc	302.30	318.30	-2.70	...
Special Sits	89.50	94.30	-1.40	...
Special Sits Acc	125.50	132.20	-2.00	...
North American	171.20	180.30	-0.20	...
N American Acc	240.10	252.80	-0.10	...
Pacific Basin	381.20	401.30	-2.40	...
Pacific Basin Acc	534.50	562.70	-3.00	...
Fixed Interest	266.60	280.70	+1.10	...
Fixed Interest Acc	374.30	394.00	+1.80	...
Property	176.50	185.80	...	...
Property Acc	247.80	260.90	+0.30	...
Deposit	152.00	160.00	...	...
Deposit Acc	213.70	225.00	+0.10	...
Managed	251.50	264.80	-2.00	...
Managed Acc	325.00	342.20	-2.30	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	684.80	720.80	-1.50	...
Property Fund	539.70	568.10	+0.50	...
Equity Fund	856.20	901.30	-2.80	...
Gilt Edged Fd	576.00	606.30	+4.30	...
Deposit Fund	328.90	346.20	+0.20	...
Investment Fd	364.70	382.90	-1.50	...
International	545.00	573.70	-3.80	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS St Bartholomews House, Lewins Mead Bristol BS1 2NH 0272 266 366				
Property	452.80	476.60	+1.00	...
UK Equity	331.60	349.00	-4.00	...
Gilt Edged	536.20	564.40	+1.10	...
Interest Fund	383.50	403.60	+0.20	...
UK Fund	483.80	509.20	-3.60	...
Intl Equity	623.20	656.00	-3.50	...
Intl Managed	576.70	607.00	-4.00	...
North American	208.10	219.00	...	...
Far East	494.30	520.30	-4.40	...
Intl Currency	256.10	269.50	-0.60	...
For NM Life see Friends Provident				
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	469.60	494.30	-3.70	...
UK Equity	570.60	600.60	-5.10	...
Overseas Equity	485.10	510.60	-5.90	...
Americas	397.30	418.20	-1.80	...
Far East	584.90	615.60	-8.20	...
Property	220.40	232.00	-0.70	...
Fixed Interest	362.40	381.40	+2.10	...
Indexed Gilt	222.30	233.90	+2.20	...
Deposit	215.20	226.50	+0.10	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 148, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	£13.75	£14.48	-9.50	...
Eqity Fund	£29.58	£31.14	-25.80	...
Property Fd	578.70	609.20	-2.60	...
Fixed Int Fd	556.30	585.60	+3.10	...
Deposit Fund	346.30	364.50	+0.30	...
Intl Fund	240.80	253.50	-1.70	...
PEARL ASSURANCE The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY. 0733 470 470				
Inv Prop Dist	165.90	174.70	+0.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	333.80	351.30	+0.30	...
Inv Equity	£11.26	£11.86	-10.30	...
Inv Managed	811.50	854.30	-3.20	...
Ret Managed	915.60	963.80	-8.80	...
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	274.00	289.10	-3.20	...
Fxd Interest Acc	229.30	240.80	+0.90	...
International Acc	264.60	279.30	-3.00	...

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Managed Acc	221.80	233.80	-0.80	...
Property Acc	236.80	249.80	+0.80	...
Money Acc	153.10	161.50	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	242.40	255.80	+0.10	...
Japan Equity Acc	130.20	137.40	-1.40	...
N Amer Acc	154.90	163.50	-1.70	...
Pacific Acc	174.10	183.70	-1.60	...
European Acc	191.80	202.40	-1.20	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	461.40	485.70	-3.70	...
Managed Initial	313.00	329.50	-2.60	...
Equity Ord	680.60	716.40	-6.50	...
Equity Init	461.70	486.00	-4.70	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	192.40	202.50	+1.60	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	136.30	143.50	+1.20	...
Oseas Equity Ord	382.90	403.10	-3.50	...
Oseas Equity Init	259.70	273.40	-2.60	...
Property Ord	281.90	296.70	-2.00	...
Property Init	191.20	201.30	-1.40	...
Fixed Int Ord	263.40	277.30	+1.80	...
Fixed Int Init	178.70	188.10	+1.20	...
Deposit Ord	205.30	216.10	+0.10	...
Deposit Initial	139.30	146.50	-0.10	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	324.30	337.90	-4.40	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3208				
Managed Fund	763.80	804.10	-7.60	...
Equity Fund	£13.94	£14.67	-17.30	...
Intl Fund	616.80	649.30	-6.30	...
Fixed Interest	533.00	561.10	+2.90	...
Property Fund	470.00	494.80	+2.20	...
Cash Fund	362.90	382.00	+0.30	...
Pacific Basin	378.00	397.90	-3.90	...
N American Fd	234.00	246.40	-0.90	...
Euro Fund	256.80	270.40	-6.00	...
Balanced Fund	149.10	157.00	-1.50	...
Strategic Fund	157.50	165.80	-1.70	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	£750.90	...	...	...
-do- Acc	457.00	481.10	...	...
Op Prop	501.40	527.80	+0.50	...
Op Equity	849.50	894.30	-2.50	...
Op High Yield	544.50	573.20	+2.70	...
Op Managed	773.40	814.20	-3.10	...
Op Deposit	390.30	410.90	...	...
Inc Gth	285.90	300.90	-2.20	...
Japan Smlr	290.40	305.70	+3.20	...
Managed Gth	252.80	266.20	-1.50	...
Gilt	74.70	78.70	+0.20	...
British	343.70	361.80	-4.20	...
Global Bond	106.20	111.80	+0.40	...
Global (35.34)	172.10	181.20	...	...
Gold Share	104.00	109.50	+0.60	...
High Income	288.10	303.30	-3.70	...
Income	414.10	435.90	-5.00	...
Japan	439.10	462.30	-2.40	...
UK Smlr Cos	333.20	350.80	-2.70	...
Mngd Growth	438.40	461.50	...	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3800				
Royal Shield Fd	943.10	997.90	-5.80	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	374.70	394.40	-2.40	...
Equity Fund	510.30	537.10	-1.00	...
Property Fund	336.30	354.00	-1.00	...
International	481.50	506.80	-4.30	...
Pacific Basin	300.20	316.20	-4.50	...
United States	246.30	259.20	-1.10	...
Gilt Fund	342.80	360.80	+2.40	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	740.90	784.10	-1.50	2.30
Deposit Fund (2)	368.60	390.10	+0.20	5.39
Gilt Fund	489.60	518.20	+1.60	8.64
Global Equity Fd	238.20	252.10	-1.80	...
Property Fund (46)	105.70	111.90	...	6.60
AG Bond Fund	157.10	166.30	-0.30	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	568.90	598.90	-3.10	...
Fixed Interest	350.40	368.90	+1.80	...
Index-Linked	188.30	198.30	+2.00	...
International	466.00	490.60	-3.40	...
Property	295.90	311.50	+0.40	...
Cash	228.60	240.70	+0.10	...
Managed	459.70	483.90	-1.90	...
Cap Gteed Bd	108.30	114.00	+0.10	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	180.97	189.89	+0.08	...
Index-Linked	154.50	162.60	+1.30	...
Fixed Interest	163.50	172.10	+1.30	...
Mixed	248.10	261.10	-1.90	...
UK Equity	230.10	242.20	-2.00	...
International	260.90	274.70	-3.10	...
American	282.60	295.40	-0.40	...
Japan	243.00	255.70	-2.10	...
European	251.50	264.70	-4.90	...
Pacific	389.70	410.20	-6.30	...
Technology	350.90	369.30	-1.00	...
Currncy/Currncy	220.30	231.90	-0.20	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS *19 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE* 031 225 2211				
Property	222.40	234.20	-1.90	...
UK Equity	337.80	355.80	-2.70	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	241.90	254.70	-0.40	...
Pacific	372.30	392.00	-5.80	...
European	486.10	495.90	-8.10	...
International	309.60	326.00	-3.00	...
Fixed Interest	223.30	234.90	+1.30	...
Index Linked	187.60	197.60	+1.90	...
Deposit	193.00	203.20	+0.10	...
Managed	278.50	293.20	-2.30	...
Worldwide	121.70	128.20	-0.80	...
Pen Worldwide	129.20	136.10	-1.10	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	£16.37	£16.88	...	...
Safety Fund	223.40	235.20	+0.90	...
Growth Fund	223.40	235.20	-1.10	...
Opportunity Fd	219.40	231.00	-0.10	...
Cash Fund	173.50	182.70	-0.10	...
European Fund	338.30	356.20	-7.80	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	188.90	198.90	+1.40	...
Index-Linked Fd	174.50	183.70	+1.60	...
International Fd	286.30	301.40	-2.50	...
North American	228.90	241.00	-0.10	...
Property Fund	132.10	139.10	+0.10	...
UK Equity	235.90	248.40	+2.20	...
UK Smaller	224.90	236.80	+2.10	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	261.30	275.20	-1.40	...
Equity	267.40	281.60	-3.40	...
International	288.40	303.70	-2.10	...
Property	235.30	247.80	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	205.40	216.30	+0.30	...
Index Linked	172.50	181.70	+1.60	...
Cash	185.90	195.80	+0.10	...
Formerly Prolific				
Bal Gwth Mngd	786.20	826.60	-3.90	...
Cash Fund	337.90	356.70	+0.30	...
Property Fund	287.20	302.70	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	929.70	989.10	-6.30	...
Fxd Interest Fund	435.00	458.40	+2.30	...
International	434.00	451.10	-3.40	...
High Income	679.03	722.40	-6.80	...
Far East	633.70	674.20	-2.50	...
North American	524.30	557.80	-1.40	...
Special Sits	617.20	656.70	-7.90	...
Technology	513.30	546.10	-0.90	...
Extra Income Fd	363.30	386.50	-2.50	...
Gilt Fund	457.90	487.10	+2.80	...
European	148.00	157.50	-1.80	...
Adventurous Mg	218.80	230.40	-2.00	...
Secure Mgd	142.90	152.10	-0.30	...
Equity Inc Dist	114.10	120.30	-0.10	4.88
North American	107.90	113.80	-0.50	5.27
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	935.80	935.80	...	...
Inv Pol 2	850.90	895.70	...	...
Inv Pol 3	814.10	857.00	...	...
Inv Cash	312.10	328.70	...	...
Mixed Fund	440.70	464.10	-0.20	...
Equity Fund	507.50	534.30	+1.10	...
Property Fund	246.10	259.10	+0.70	...
International Fd	499.40	525.80	-4.20	...
Fixed Interest Fd	352.80	371.40	+2.70	...
Indexed Stock Fd	189.30	199.30	+1.80	...
Cash Fund	226.60	238.60	+0.10	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	370.20	389.60	-0.10	...
Equity Acc	432.00	454.70	-0.80	...
International Acc	345.40	363.50	-1.00	...
Property	234.70	247.00	+0.20	...
Royal Trust Mg	233.00	245.20	+0.20	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	267.20	281.30	+0.30	...
Equity	961.60	£10.12	-9.00	...
European	166.70	175.50	-2.50	...
Far East	177.20	186.60	-2.50	...
Fixed Interest	374.10	393.80	+1.20	...
Index Linked	200.20	210.80	+2.00	...
International	618.20	650.80	-7.00	...
Managed	683.80	719.80	-6.10	...
Nth American	140.20	147.60	+0.40	...
Property	362.50	381.60	+0.60	...
Pensions				
Cash	415.10	437.00	+0.30	...
Equity	£13.69	£14.41	-15.30	...
European	196.40	206.80	-3.80	...
Far East	142.30	149.80	-2.00	...
Fixed Interest	513.00	540.00	+2.00	...
Index Linked	277.90	292.60	+2.80	...
International	864.70	910.30	-11.00	...
Managed	952.00	£10.02	-9.70	...
Nth American	172.80	181.90	+0.70	...
Property	492.50	516.50	-0.20	...
Stock Exchange	213.90	225.20	-2.30	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	639.90	673.60	-4.20	...
Equity Fund	822.20	865.50	-5.80	...
Fixed Interest Fd	390.30	410.90	+2.00	...
Index-Linked Fd	304.70	320.80	+2.60	...
Property Fund	525.90	553.60	+0.70	...
International Fd	626.80	659.80	-3.30	...
N American Fd	228.20	240.30	+0.60	...
Far East Fund	241.40	254.20	-4.20	...
Deposit Fund	294.80	310.40	+0.20	...
International Bd	£18.51	...	-2.11	...
Worldwide Bond	147.30	155.10	-0.80	...
European	163.90	172.60	-3.10	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	638.30	672.00	-2.40	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	437.00	466.50	...	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-
Property Growth			
Property Fund	£606.00	...	+0.40
-do- Acc	£565.80	...	+0.50
Agricultural Fd	£811.60	...	+0.50
-do- Acc	£779.60	...	+0.40
Abbey Nat Fd	£445.30	...	-0.50
Abbey Nat Acc	£471.40	...	-0.50
Investment Fd	£340.10	...	-2.00
Investment (A)	£326.50	...	-2.00
Equity	£13.95	...	-8.00
Equity Acc	£11.45	...	-7.60
Money Fund	£469.60	...	+0.40
-do- Acc	£449.10	...	+0.30
Actuarial Fd	£597.20	...	-2.40
Gilt-Edged Fd	£368.20	...	+1.80
-do- Acc	£365.20	...	+1.80
Retire Annuity	£12.31	...	...
Immed Annuity	£320.05	...	...
Bldg Soc Life	£224.90	...	+0.20
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414			
Growth Accounts	£14.04	...	+5.60
Managed Acc	£806.20	...	-13.60
Equity Account	£11.32	...	-25.30
Mngd Fund Acc	371.40	391.00	-6.60
Equity Fund Acc	495.40	521.70	-11.70
Prop Fund Acc	264.10	278.00	+0.40
Fixed Int Fd Acc	286.60	301.70	-2.60
Money Fund Acc	219.80	231.30	+0.10
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	194.80	205.00	-1.60
Pens Pens Acct	£18.21	...	-28.60
Pens Mngd Acct	846.70	891.30	-11.50
Pens Guarantee	267.20	280.80	+0.50
Pens Equity	319.40	336.20	-6.40
Pens Property	299.10	314.90	+0.50
Pens Fixed Int	264.80	278.90	+0.90
Pens Intl	247.10	260.10	-3.90
Pens Money	234.00	246.40	+0.20
Pens Indx-Lnkd	186.40	196.20	-0.10
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL, 0272 426911			
Managed Acc	878.40	924.70	-0.30
Property Acc	320.00	336.90	+2.80
Equity Acc	£13.97	£14.71	+5.40
Fixed Int Acc	374.30	394.10	+1.00
Index-Linked Acc	192.30	202.50	+1.40
Cash Acc	307.80	324.00	+0.20
Amer Equity Acc	341.00	359.00	+0.20
Japan Acc	325.10	342.30	-5.10
Pacific Acc	386.30	406.70	-1.30
Far Eastern Acc	892.90	939.90	-5.50
International Acc	597.10	628.60	-2.40
Distribution Fund	274.40	288.90	+0.30
European	191.20	201.30	-3.20
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 345678			
Managed Fund	274.90	289.40	-1.90
Property Fund	228.50	240.70	...
Fixed Interest Fd	213.00	224.30	-1.20
Money Fund	199.10	209.70	-0.10
Equity Fund	364.30	383.60	-2.00
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000			
Deposit	248.10	261.30	+0.20
Financial Ser I	45.50	48.90	-0.60
Fixed Interest	311.10	327.60	+1.70
Gold	95.00	100.10	+1.30
Managed	604.90	636.90	+5.20
Mngd Growth	201.90	212.60	+9.50
Mngd Opp	215.30	226.70	+10.97
Property	333.40	351.00	+5.20
Residential Prop	99.70	105.00	-0.10
TSB American	189.40	199.50	+1.30
TSB Brit Gwth	802.80	845.20	+4.80
TSB European	279.40	294.20	-0.70
TSB Income	378.70	398.80	-3.40
TSB Intl	429.20	451.90	+3.70
TSB Intl Inc	269.60	283.80	-0.40
TSB Pacific	458.90	483.10	-3.20
TSB Prem Inc	243.40	254.30	+0.20
WINDSOR LIFE Windsor House, Telford, Shropshire 0952 292929			
Managed Bond	664.70	700.40	-27.40
Money Fund	316.40	333.10	+0.50
Equity Fund	589.60	621.30	-9.30
Fixed Interest	259.10	272.00	-2.30
Property Fund	365.50	384.80	...
Gresham Framlington			
American & Gnrl	560.00	590.10	-12.30
Income	704.00	741.80	-37.30
International Gth	629.50	663.30	-13.70
Capital Fund	630.90	664.30	-14.70
Recovery Fund	655.40	690.60	-17.40
Japan & General	283.50	298.70	+0.50
Formerly AEtna			
Life Funds			
Squirrel	17.98	18.93	...
Bear	18.41	19.38	+0.14
Owl	19.25	20.26	...
Bull	17.21	18.12	...
Stag	18.65	19.63	-0.11
Gilt Edged	17.54	18.46	+0.12
Deposit	15.76	16.59	...
Pensions			
Squirrel	24.34	25.62	...
Bear	25.21	26.54	+0.18
Owl	26.32	27.71	+0.02
Bull	21.96	23.12	...
Stag	23.27	24.49	-0.14
Gilt Edged	21.94	23.09	-0.15
Deposit	20.30	21.37	...
Pre 1982 Series			
3-Way Fund	556.30	...	+0.11
1982 Series			
UK Equity	324.28	341.35	-0.73
N Amer Equity	273.49	287.88	-0.39
Far East Equity	403.51	424.75	-7.14
Fixed	275.86	290.38	+1.99
Cash Deposit	204.02	214.76	...
Property	155.86	164.06	...
Special Opp	356.90	375.68	-0.37
Managed	294.37	309.86	+0.78
Index-Linked Fd	183.40	193.05	+7.39

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Three Month Reserve Account	£50,000+	5.25%	5.35%
	£25,000-£49,999	5.00%	5.09%
	£10,000-£24,999	4.75%	4.84%
Current Account with Cash Management Option	£50,000+	4.00%	4.06%
	£20,000-£49,999	3.50%	3.55%
	£5,000-£19,999	3.00%	3.03%
Reserve Account for Personal Customers	£50,000+	4.00%	4.06%
	£20,000-£49,999	3.50%	3.55%
	£5,000-£19,999	3.00%	3.03%
Reserve Account for Businesses/ Charities/Societies	£100,000 - £1 million	3.25%	3.29%
	£25,000-£99,999	3.00%	3.03%
	£10,000-£24,999	2.25%	2.27%
High Interest Clients Account	£100,000+	3.25%	3.29%
	£25,000-£99,999	3.00%	3.03%
	£10,000-£24,999	2.25%	2.27%
7 Day Notice Deposit Account		1%	1%
TESSA		5.75%	5.88%
Charity TESSA		5.125%	5.22%

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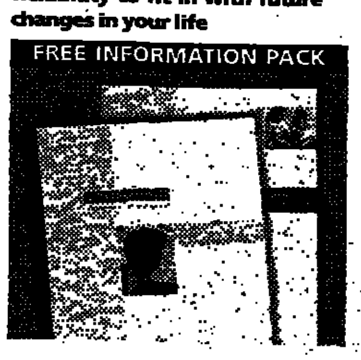
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BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	4.38	3.29	2.63	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	4.61	3.61	2.89	35,000-50,000	6 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	3.69	2.76	2.21	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	5.16	3.86	3.11	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	4.44	3.35	2.84	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528855
"	5.08	3.80	3.04	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528855
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"	5.00	3.75	3.00	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	3.50	2.63	2.10	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	2.50	1.88	1.50	1,000‡	none	051 2548236
Co-operative Current Acct	0.25	0.18	0.14	none	none	071 626 8343
Citibank	5.00	3.75	3.00	2,000‡	none	0800 555884
Lloyds HICA	1.00	0.75	0.60	500‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	1.50	1.13	0.90	2,000‡	none	0742 528855
Abbey National HICA	1.00	0.75	0.60	1,000‡	none	Local Branch
Royal Bank of Scot. Prem A/c	2.00	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank Mist Chque Acct	1.00	0.75	0.60	2,000‡	none	071-600 6020
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	1.00	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Northern Rock	6.50	4.88	3.90	20,000 min	Postal	——
Birmingham Midshires	6.75	5.06	4.05	100,000 min	Postal	——
Bradford & Bingley	6.75	5.06	4.05	25,000 min	30 day	——
Ansvt(Bristol West)	6.85	5.14	4.11	50,000 min	90 day	——
Halifax	7.20	5.40	4.32	10,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Skipton	6.10	4.58	3.66	2,000 min	Instnt	——
Bradford & Bingley	6.50	4.88	3.90	10,000 min	30 day	——
Northern Rock	6.55	4.91	3.93	10,000 min	90 day	——
Scarborough	6.80	5.10	4.08	25,000 min	90 day	——
Universal	7.30	5.48	4.38	50,000 min	1 year	——
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c*	3.25	2.44	1.95	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	5.25	3.94	3.15	20-499	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	6.50	4.88	3.90	2,000-24,000	3 mth	0253 766151
8th Index Link(s)*	3.00	3.00	3.00	100-10,000	8 day	091-386-4900
42nd Issue Cert*	5.85	5.85	5.85	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan*	6.95	6.95	5.85	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.95	7.95	7.95	25-10,000		
Gen Ext Relief	3.51	3.51	3.51			
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.85	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
1st Option Bond*	6.40	4.80	3.84	1,000-19,999		
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
AIG Life	5.70	5.70	4.86	50,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
AIG Life	6.50	6.50	5.53	50,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
General Portfolio	6.90	6.90	5.87	50,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
General Portfolio	7.30	7.30	6.21	10,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5788
Eurolife	7.75	7.75	6.59	10,000 min	5 yrs	for details

RATES

RPI (Aug 93-94)	+2.4%
Bank Base Rate	5.25%
Personal Loan	25%
Credit Card	25 - 27%

HOLIDAY RATES

	£ buys
Spanish Pesetas:	198.00
French Francs:	8.13
Greek Drachmas:	363.00
Italian Lire:	2400.00

TESSA	CAB (%)	£3,000 vst 1 year on	Transfer penalty	Minimum investmt	Telephone number
Market Harbor.	7.60	£3,228.00	90 day loss/notice	£5,000	0656 463244
Cheshire	7.40	£3,222.00		£1	0800 243278
Hinckley&Rugby	7.35	£3,220.50	90 day loss	£5,000	0455 251234
Tipton&Coseley	7.35	£3,220.50	7 day notice & £20	£1	021 5572551
Holmesdale	7.15	£3,214.50	60 day loss	£1	0737 245716

‡ 2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less * Additional holdings up to £20,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificate †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross @ higher rates for larger sums * Guaranteed over the rate of inflation ^ 0.3% net bonus for amounts £20,000+

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Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
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Perah 076 63975	2.50%	£20K+	95	After 5.25% discount for 6 months.
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Lloys 060 400121	4.35%	to £60K	95	After 3.75% discount for 1 year.
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■ Pensioners are leaving £400 million a year unclaimed in income support, says Help the Aged's "Can You Claim It?" campaign. Income support, which is not given automatically, is the main top-up benefit for older people who are struggling on the basic state retirement pension. For advice on eligibility, call SeniorLine on 0800 289 404 (Monday to Friday). For a campaign leaflet send a sae to Information Department, Help the Aged, St James's Walk, London EC1R 0BE.

■ Chase de Vere's *PEPGUIDE* update provides the latest performance figures for all unit and investment trust personal equity plans from one to seven years. Available for £2, or free with the full PEPGUIDE, which costs £9.95, from Chase de Vere. Details: 0800 526091.

■ Barclays Stockbrokers has launched Autoshare, a 24-hour telephone valuation and share-ordering service. Clients can access a full portfolio valuation facility and obtain individual share valuations and prices on more than 4,000 shares. Share orders can be placed overnight, including weekends. There is also a 24-hour stock option and pricing service. Calls are charged at 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p at other times. Details: 0800 551177.

■ Nationwide's Isle of Man offshore subsidiary has launched a limited issue Guaranteed Investment Bond, linked to the FT-SE 100 index, with a return of at least 20 per cent over five years. Minimum investment is £5,000 and the maximum is £1 million. Gross interest of 4.4 per cent will be paid on investments from the time they are received until the day the bond starts, December 12, as well as a 3 per cent bonus on the initial investment. Details: 0624 663494.

■ National Savings has published a new guide to its tax-free savings schemes. Available on 0500 500000.

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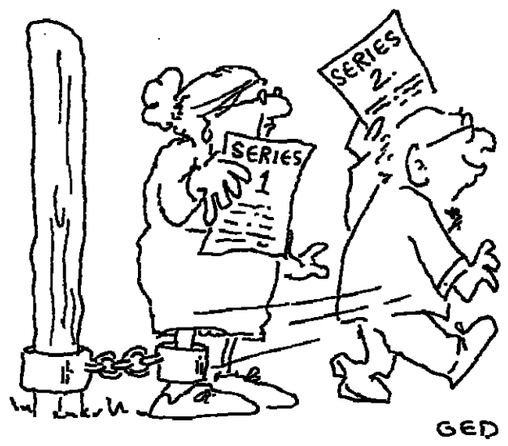
From Mr Norman Ryan

Sir, In response to J. I. Wallis ("Firms can help to track down thieves", Weekend Money Letters, September 24), instead of calling on the manufacturers to be public spirited can I suggest that public spirit should begin at home. In simple terms: you bought it, you look after it.

We have in this country a simple method of personalising our property which ensures it is returned to us should it come into the hands of the police and that is through marking it with your post code followed by your house number, for example NT4 1AJ — 7. Property can be marked by etching, die-stamping, branding, engraving, indentification paint, or by a security marker pen. In this area, and many others, the police provide this service free of charge.

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Yours faithfully,
NORMAN RYAN,
(Watch Scheme Administrator),
Greater Manchester Police,
Divisional Police Headquarters,
The Holme, The Esplanade,
Rochdale.



Bitterness over guaranteed income bonds

From Mrs J. Biggs

Sir, After reading Weekend Money (September 24) as to where one can obtain the most interest on savings, I feel very bitter towards the Government.

I and my husband invested the bulk of our savings in the Pensioners Guaranteed Income Bonds in August.

Since we are on a fixed, small, income, every penny counts. We were told we would incur a fine of 60 days' interest plus 60 days' notice if we withdrew them. (Fair enough).

Now, a month later, I see they have brought out Series 2 at 7½ per cent. I rang the department to ask if I could transfer my bonds to the new ones, since there was no mention at the time that there could be a Series 2. I was still told that I would forfeit 60 days' interest plus 60 days' notice.

I feel we have been cheated yet again by the Government and would like people to be aware of this.

Yours faithfully,
J. BIGGS,
14 Ashlea,
Hook,
Hampshire.

Minimum period, but no minimum amount for deeds of covenant

From Sonia Gable

Sir, Your article on the new charity donor card (Weekend Money, September 24) stated that a deed of covenant to a charity must be for at least £120 a year. Many charities would, I am sure, be happy if all their smaller covenantors increased their donations to this amount. However, to prevent the less wealthy from being put off entering into deeds of covenant altogether, I must point out that there is no minimum amount for a deed of covenant, only a minimum period, which must be at least four years.

Yours faithfully,
SONIA GABLE
(Tax Consultant),
49 Herent Drive, Clayhill,
Ilford, Essex.

Liz Dolan replies: You are, of course, absolutely right. I was confusing covenants in general with those accepted by the Charities Aid Foundation, which are subject to an annual minimum of £120.

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Brit Fndmtls Acc	95.59	101.70#	- 0.80	5.03
Brit Fndmtls Inc	70.12	74.60#	- 0.54	5.03
Global Opps	81.62	86.83	- 1.15	0.30
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Capital Growth				
American Growth	278.10	295.80	- 0.60	0.77
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Assets & Earnings	249.80	265.70	- 1.50	0.66
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Europa	105.60	112.20	- 1.80	....
Exempt	960.00	1010.59	-12.40	1.74
Extra Income	49.94	52.43#	- 0.53	4.45
Far East Emg Ecn	198.10	208.10	- 2.50	0.49
Fixed Interest	22.23	23.73#	- 0.42	7.74
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Japan	191.80	204.20#	- 3.50	....
Latin American	71.10	84.34#	- 2.68	0.57
Pacific	75.05	80.19	- 1.43	0.33
Property Share	84.84	89.22	- 0.53	1.90
UK Emerging Cos	63.73	68.03	- 1.07	1.82
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High Yield	233.40	249.50	- 2.30	3.76
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Income Gwth	329.60	351.80#	- 6.50	4.49
Japan	309.10	330.20	- 2.60	....
Pacific	111.00	118.10	- 1.50	0.72
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European Growth	281.30	298.70	- 5.00	1.00
Europe	213.30	228.30	- 3.00	0.60
German Growth	84.85	73.23	- 1.37	0.10
Global Bond	60.57	63.83	- 0.43	5.98
Global Growth	122.60	131.00	- 1.10	....
Japan Growth	210.90	225.30	- 1.50	....
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PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH				
061 837 5060				
Environ	146.80	156.20	- 2.20	1.70
UK Growth	154.70	164.60#	- 1.50	2.41
UK Income	125.70	133.80	- 1.00	4.49
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA				
0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	176.61	187.10	- 1.40	2.12
-do- Income Dist	103.30	109.50	- 0.80	4.57
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.18	40.47†	+ 0.29	6.72
Int Bond	27.15	28.18	- 0.04	5.45
Income Funds				
High Income	25.11	26.62	- 0.11	5.40
Income Plus	180.30	117.30#	- 1.30	3.77
Aimr Eq Inc	45.57	48.29	+ 0.31	1.00
European Income	41.40	44.02	- 0.48	2.22
Far East Inc	62.41	66.43	- 0.26	2.20
Global Convertible	22.64	24.15†	- 0.07	3.75
UK Div Gwth	22.69	24.11†	- 0.20	1.34
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	66.70	71.15	- 1.22	....
American	227.00	240.70	- 0.60	....
Aimr Spec Sits	107.70	114.90	- 0.30	....
Japan Smaller Cos	43.67	46.80	- 0.51	....
European	157.70	167.70	- 1.20	....
European Opps	60.48	64.31	- 0.96	....
Global Priv	23.71	25.21	- 0.29	1.48
UK Growth	84.47	89.82	- 1.19	....
Growth & Inc	141.40	150.40	- 1.80	2.67
Intl PEP	25.05	27.27	- 0.30	....
Japan Spec Sits	100.00	106.80	- 0.60	....
Japan	204.30	218.00	- 2.20	....
Managed Intl	266.70	284.10	- 2.30	....
Moneybuilder	91.88	95.17	- 0.06	....
Recovery	46.56	49.51	- 0.55	....
South E Asia	156.10	166.60#	- 2.40	....
Special Sits	499.70	531.40#	- 4.80	....
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	106.62	106.62	+ 0.07	4.50
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF				
061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5342				
American & Gen	146.00	154.30#	- 0.50	....
European Inc	75.55	80.09#	- 0.99	0.56
Smaller Cos (4-1)	79.17	84.22#	- 1.13	1.86
Growth	395.80	421.10#	- 4.50	2.40
Income & Growth	380.50	404.80#	- 4.60	4.10
Japan & Gen	77.32	82.10	- 0.76	....
Manser Portfolio	£101.44	£105.39	-50.00	1.96
Special Sits	91 11	96.93	- 2.05	2.37
High Yield	£12.44	£12.83	-15.00	4.53
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS				
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh				
0131 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 564				
American Gwth Tst	35.11	37.55	+ 0.33	0.22
Cash Income	50.49	50.49	+ 0.03	4.86
European Gwth	38.70	41.24	- 0.45	0.15
Income & Gwth Inc	25.51	27.28#	- 0.13	4.54
Intnl Gwth	30.58	32.70	- 0.04	0.13
Japan Gwth	28.95	30.96#	- 0.35	....
Managed Tst Inc	46.81	50.06	- 0.19	1.02
Oriental Opps Inc	149.00	159.30#	- 0.40	....
Property Shares	38.34	41.00	- 1.96	0.61
Smaller Cos	30.30	32.40	- 0.79	1.58
UK Growth Tst	24.30	25.88	- 0.24	2.41
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	70.00	74.86	- 0.07	1.39
Cap Hse UK Inc	64.13	68.58	- 0.09	2.35
Exempt 03	29.84	30.70	....	1.76
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	136.80	146.30#	- 1.20	1.69
Foundation	88.67	94.83#	- 0.70	2.36
German	48.63	52.02	- 1.22	....
High Income	69.94	74.82#	- 1.13	5.89
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.70	108.70	....	1.07
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.90	....	1.07
Monthly Income	78.93	84.41†	- 2.64	4.18
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH				
071 606 0769				
Cazenove Portfolio	79.02	84.35	- 0.54	2.37
American Portfolio	85.83	91.42	- 0.34	1.07
European Portfolio	91.61	97.60	- 0.88	0.86
Japanese Portfolio	70.51	75.01	- 0.60	....
Pacific Portfolio	143.48	154.28	- 1.07	0.75
UK Inc & Growth	72.53	77.79	- 1.22	3.55
Utility & Bond	53.98	54.53	- 0.55	6.03
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	61.66	65.60	- 0.44	3.05
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD				
071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	131.05	142.78	- 1.19	....
UK Income	104.81	114.38	- 0.73	5.25
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1				
071 407 5906				
Beckman Intl	70.79	75.05	+ 0.10	2.23
Beck Bio-Tech	26.81	29.88	+ 0.10	....
Acorn Ethical Tst	153.50	160.41	+ 0.69	1.32
City Fin Assets	68.44	72.81	- 1.03	1.09
City Fin America	80.90	85.16	- 0.49	....
City Fin Intl	76.58	80.61	+ 0.49	0.49
City Fin Japan	174.76	183.96	- 2.44	....
Friars Hse Cap	258.42	272.02	- 2.58	1.52
Friars Hse Inc	193.32	205.66	- 2.51	3.95
Buckley Wrld Gwth	134.68	143.29#	- 0.36	0.08
Fahrnuat Cap Gth	140.62	148.02	+ 2.33	....
-do- Inc & Gth	107.05	112.68	- 0.54	1.60
Fahrnouat Intl	190.01	162.43	- 1.04	2.36
City Fin Pcflo Inc	54.94	58.45	- 1.04	4.21
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
30 Ecclesgate, London EC2A 1AH 0892 612 144				
Emerging Markets	58.30	61.86	- 0.65	....
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Growth	53.49	57.21	- 0.25	....
Adas Mngd Gwth	36.14	38.65	- 0.14	0.36
Dragon Growth	72.56	77.60	- 0.97	0.26
Equity High Inc	77.74	82.70#	- 1.00	4.80
European Gwth	48.21	51.39	- 0.74	0.89
Evergreen	26.72	28.57	- 0.33	....
General Equity	77.63	82.58	- 0.74	2.66
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.53	24.74	+ 0.16	8.42
Japan Growth	54.09	57.85	- 0.24	....
Pedigree Gwth	47.69	50.73	- 0.72	2.75
Pref Sm Cos Inc	30.43	32.57	- 0.48	1.08
Retirement Inc	34.77	36.49	- 0.35	5.69
Special Sits	35.85	38.34	- 0.61	1.86
UK & Overseas	46.59	49.56	- 0.24	1.13
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
Chadwen Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY				
0634 898 000				
Capital	61.98	66.28†	- 0.70	2.40
Income	56.53	60.45†	- 0.47	4.37
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD				
Exchange Court, 3 Richford Park,				
Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9855				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO PFT FUNDS				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	148.98	158.47†	- 5.53	5.66
Fixed & Convertible	38.55	41.01†	- 0.89	7.68
Monthly Inc Plus	46.45	49.42†	- 0.44	9.07
Preference Share	45.94	48.87†	....	7.50
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	116.65	124.10†	- 4.08	7.53
Managed Fund	63.98	66.06†	- 1.31	2.61
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	39.19	41.69	- 0.68	1.63
UK & General	72.62	77.26†	- 1.73	2.48
UK Growth	130.32	138.64	- 1.06	2.46
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	181.67	193.27	- 5.20	0.26
Far Eastern Gwth	137.67	146.46	- 2.31	....
Global Bond	75.60	80.36†	- 1.80	6.51
Japan Growth	128.74	136.96	- 1.57	....
North Amer Gwth	150.09	159.67	- 0.05	....
Orient'l Growth	89.25	85.16	- 1.43	....
Worldwide Growth	62.32	66.30†	- 0.48	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PFT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.42	91.42†	- 1.55	4.39
Homemaker Fund	73.54	78.23	- 0.45	1.92
Quilter Fund	123.51	131.39	+ 0.98	2.98
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN				
0438 744 848				
Growth Inc	95.09	98.60	- 0.59	3.10
High Income	32.13	34.18	- 0.20	4.80
Japan	37.53	39.92	- 0.49	....
Smaller Cos Inc	30.32	32.25	- 0.40	2.40
Smaller Cos	31.80	33.82	- 0.42	2.40
North American	31.97	34.01	+ 0.03	0.30
European	35.55	37.81	- 0.41	0.30
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX				
071 407 5956				
Consistent UT	29.47	31.64†	- 0.32	3.41
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 359				
Growth	138.00	146.90	- 2.10	2.00
Income	68.36	72.73	- 0.33	5.08
European	58.39	62.33	- 0.76	0.95
Recovery	139.40	148.30	- 3.30	1.88
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	791.40	805.40†	....	3.88
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
0277 690 320				
Fellowship Tst	67.56	71.87	- 0.36	1.36
Income	225.30	239.60	- 1.10	4.80
Smaller Cos	147.10	156.40	- 2.00	0.86
Inv Portfolio	75.00	79.78	- 0.32	1.50
High Income Port	64.72	68.85	- 0.32	5.04
DIMENSIONAL UT MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS				
071 430 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.34	£15.70	- 9.80	....
Japan Small Cos	£13.01	£13.27	-13.90	....
UK Small Cos	£17.64	£18.39	-26.90	....
US Small Cos	£15.73	£16.19	- 4.30	....
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL				
071 377 5899				
Disc Inc	201.60	212.20	....	2.53
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
25, Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	260.40	275.90	- 5.30	1.01
New Asia	251.20	237.40#	- 1.80	....
Japan Growth	130.50	138.80#	- 0.90	....
Jap Smlr Co	549.80	584.40	- 3.00	....
Nth Amer	240.70	255.00	- 0.30	0.93
Pacific Asia Pac Mt	134.30	131.50	- 1.30	0.34
UK Inc & Gwth	203.60	216.30	- 2.60	2.79
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	132.40	140.80	- 0.40	1.90
UK High Inc Inc	142.00	151.10	- 1.90	4.77
UK Pref & Fl Inc	55.34	59.74	+ 0.34	5.34
Envrnmnt Opps	79.44	84.51	- 0.83	1.51
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
37 Hanover Street, Edinburgh				
0345 090 526				
American	117.30	124.50	- 1.00	1.41
Convertibles	20.44	21.72†	- 0.22	7.37
Equity Income	119.60	127.10†	- 2.00	4.17
EuroFund	43.24	45.85	- 0.92	0.44
Financial	44.04	46.79†	- 0.91	1.71
Growth & Inc	218.90	232.60	- 3.00	3.31
High Dist	147.00	156.20	- 1.90	4.80
International	395.30	420.00#	- 8.10	0.12
Ins Cap Inc	93.23	99.52	- 1.28	3.01
Latin American	50.33	53.48†	- 0.81	....
Pacific	89.66	95.26	- 2.00	....
Preference Share	21.76	23.12	- 0.07	7.14
Tokyo	240.90	255.60†	- 0.50	....
UK Smaller Cos	222.20	236.10	- 4.80	1.16
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
28 Ely Place, London EC1N 6RL				
071 242 0242				
Elcon Trust	204.54	218.75	....	1.07
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU				
071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	198.60	212.30	- 0.80	0.51
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN				
0296 434 480				
European	75.60	79.58	- 1.86	1.76
Ethical Tst	44.81	47.17	- 0.38	1.12
Far Eastern	313.12	329.60	- 2.61	1.38
High Income	126.82	133.49	- 1.15	4.84
Intl Growth	118.73	124.98	- 0.62	1.30
North American	106.33	111.93#	- 0.52	1.14
Pelican	111.02	116.86	- 0.81	3.35
Smaller Cos	69.39	73.25	- 1.00	2.21
Special Sits	85.67	90.18#	- 1.53	2.38
Tst of Inv Tsts	182.10	191.68	- 2.14	1.45
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1				
071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	213.48	222.37	- 1.74	1.17
Smaller Cos Acc

Equities carried higher

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjusments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
325	260½	Abbey Nat	309 †	+ 8	...	5.0	13.1
314	233	Allied Irish	237 †	- 2	...	3.3	9.1
278½	179½	Aus New Z	186	...	...	5.0	28.3
3300	2637½	Bankamerica	2812½	-50	...	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	268	- 2	...	4.9	7.8
367	173½	Bank Scotland	207½	+ 9½	...	3.0	17.0
640	492	Barclays	570½	+11½	...	3.6	11.0
37	13½	Carlisle	26 †	...	...	1.2	...
630½	349	Cater Allen	523	+ 2	...	6.7	10.8
180	130	Cantas	136 †	+ 1	...	5.0	14.8
2628½	1543	Chase Manh	2212½	- 3½	...	...	...
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2662½	...	...	...	...
285½	209	Close Bros	221	+ 1	...	4.5	∞
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£124	-48½	...	6.6	...
£344½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£274½	-38½	...	2.5	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	70	...	...	2.7	...
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1362	-15½	...	0.4	∞
515	395	Gerrard Nat	470	+ 1	22.0	3.7	13.8
1113	660	HSBC	682½	-13½	...	4.5	9.8
1133	680	HSBC HK	704½	-10½	...	4.3	10.2
473	256	Hambros	282	- 3	...	7.2	10.7
443	300	Joseph (L)	418	...	...	3.2	12.2
170	125	King Shaxson	125	- 1	...	9.0	12.4
690	424	Kleinwort Ben	451 †	- 7	...	2.7	∞
660	519	Lloyds	545½	+ 2½	...	5.3	7.9
139	95	Lon Scot Bk	117	...	...	5.9	10.7
620½	470	Nat Aust Bk	488	...	...	3.8	17.8
632	421	Nat West	487½	+11½	...	5.7	10.4
573	415	Provident	505 †	...	...	5.0	9.1
79	53	Rea Bros	65 †	...	...	4.4	16.1
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	415	- 1	...	7.8	18.2
1524	1080	Schroders	1378 †	- 2	...	3.6	16.8
399½	223	Stand Chart	263½	- 1	...	1.7	12.6
291	197	TSB	217½	+ 8½	...	3.0	9.0
199	105	Union	109 †	- 3½	...	4.6	11.0
1012	670	Warburg SG	670	...	...	5.2	10.1
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	9287½	-137½	...	4.1	8.1
260	194	Westpac	215	...	...	2.8	...
390	278	Wintrust	278 †	...	...	2.5	∞
						4.6	18.6

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
680	540	Allied Domecq	568	+ 2	...	4.0	13.9
619	485	Bass	516	...	...	3.1	13.5
299	250	Boddington	258 †	- 2	...	4.0	12.7
459½	358	Bulmer (HP)	419	- 1	...	3.2	34.1
196	168	Burtonwd Brw	190	+ 1	...	3.2	16.1
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	160	+ 3	...	2.9	22.2
86	46½	Fosters Brewing	55	...	...	...	∞
403	398	Fullr Sm 'A'	393	...	...	2.5	16.2
506	375	Grand Met	408½	+ 3½	...	4.1	12.7
511	399	Greenalls Grp	410	- 3	...	3.8	15.3
584	432	Greene King	516	+ 1	...	3.1	14.4
542	428	Guinness	456½	+ 6½	...	3.6	14.9
265	239	Hardy Hanso	264	+ 1	...	4.2	13.5
170	135	Heavitree	157	-13	...	3.2	14.3
457	353	Highland Dstl	445	+ 1	...	1.9	21.1
3773	3125	Holt J	3705	- 3	...	1.7	20.8
216	127	Macallan-Glen	216 †	...	...	0.7	56.6
695	365	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	695	...	...	1.7	28.6
246	195	Mansfield	223	...	...	2.5	13.6
314	256	Mrston Thmp	297	- 1	...	2.5	15.4
946	544	Matthew Clark	630 †	- 3	...	3.6	14.0
250	113	Merrydown W	115 †	...	...	2.7	...
565	403	Morland	488	...	...	2.6	16.3
10½	8	Paramount	8	...	...	3.2	∞
274	209	Regent Inns	267	- 5	...	2.6	∞
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1187½	...	...	2.3	19.4
591	483	Scot & New	484	- 5	...	4.4	14.4
190	142	Taunton Cider	160	+ 1	...	5.2	12.2
306	229	Vaux Group	247	...	...	4.9	15.9
404	324½	Wetherspoon JD	404	...	...	1.8	26.7
617	494	Whitbread	539½	+ 7	...	4.4	15.2
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	549	- 3	...	3.0	15.4
180	148	Yates Bros	167	...	...	2.2	20.6
535	483	Young 'A'	498	- 2	...	3.3	19.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	150 †	+ 5	...	4.4	10.9
23	12	Alfrighton	17 †	...	...	3.7	16.3
200	148	Allen	165	...	...	4.0	19.5
164	99	Amec	108	- 2	...	3.5	61.5
454	333	Ashtead	430 †	...	...	1.6	22.2
165	107	Atwoods	115	...	...	5.4	...
363	274	BPB Ind	302	+ 1	...	3.4	20.4
142	93	Beggeridge Brk	123	...	...	3.2	23.2
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	35 †	...	...	2.5	21.4
38	18½	Barcom	30	...	...	7.3	3.6
60	38	Bardon	40 †	...	...	6.2	...
292	168	Barratt Devs	168	- 1	...	4.6	∞
169	122	Beazer Homes	130	...	...	2.3	∞
304	192	Bellway	192	- 2	...	4.0	18.0
59	40	Bellwinch	40½	...	...	...	∞
244	125	Berkeley Intl	192	- 4	...	...	...
373	383	Berkeley Gp	380	- 2	...	2.2	16.2
215	118	Bett Bros	183	...	...	1.9	9.3
93	60	Blockleys	69	...	...	1.8	...
391	262	Blue Circle	277 †	- 1	...	5.1	19.7
355	276	Boot (Henry)	280	...	...	3.0	13.7
84	35	Brandon Hire	77 †	...	...	2.4	∞
117	77	Breedon PLC	95	...	...	6.2	26.7
154	138	Br Dredging	140	...	...	5.1	16.5
99	78	Brit Fittings	84	...	...	3.0	...
197½	126	Bryant	126 †	- 1	...	5.0	14.2
145½	111½	CALA	118 †	...	...	3.0	∞
409	321	CRH	351 †	- 4	...	2.7	17.5
70	31	Cakebread Rby	43	...	...	...	...
42	20½	Costain	22	...	...	...	...
135	125	Countryside	122	- 1	...	4.6	28.2
120	85	Crest Nicholson	88 †	- 1	...	2.3	16.3
140	100	Cussins	113 †	- 1	...	3.8	13.6
30	18	Edmond Hldgs	21½	...	...	1.8	...
390	278	Epwin	319 †	...	...	3.1	18.9
82	57	Erith	73	...	...	2.4	40.7
473	338	Eve Group	338	...	...	4.2	∞
60	34	Galliford	36	...	...	3.7	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	97 †	- 1	...	3.5	...
1028	838	Gleeson (MJ)	838	+ 5	...	1.9	14.6
218	165	Graham Grp	174	...	...	3.3	16.5
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	146	...	...	2.5	21.6
82	46	Hewetson	71 †	...	...	2.2	...
473	311	Heywd Wms	313 †	- 2	...	5.4	17.6
144	87	Higgs & Hill	87	...	...	3.0	...
41	27	How Gp	36	...	...	2.6	...
32	20	Howard Hldgs	26 †	...	...	3.8	24.3
100	67	Ibstock	77½	...	...	1.8	...
25	6	Jarvis	9½	...	...	...	...
138	104	Keller	116 †	...	...	4.1	12.4
428	204	Laing (J)	208 †	-10	...	5.4	19.8
184	90½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	91 †	- 1	...	8.8	...
148	115	Lon Clydeside	125	...	...	4.6	17.3
173	163	Lovell (YJ)	65	-10	...	...	...
405	320	Marley	320 †	- 3	...	3.9	15.5
217½	132	Marley	133 †	- 3	...	3.9	15.8
155	126	Marshalls	132 †	+ 1	...	3.9	16.8
253	196	Maunders (J)	229	- 2	...	2.9	22.1
321	194	Mcalpine (A)	195	...	...	4.2	28.1
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	58	...	...	3.2	∞
569	372	Meyer Int	376	+ 1	...	3.6	15.8
185½	94	Mowlem (J)	102	...	...	2.5	...
138½	96	NSM	104½	...	...	...	12.0
195	146	Newman Tnks	159 †	...	...	5.0	20.1
379½	226	Persimmon	226 †	...	...	5.1	16.9
28	9	Phoenix Timber	13	...	...	...	...
1900	1450	Pochins	1631½	...	...	2.5	∞
198	128	Prowting	128	...	...	3.3	19.3
1379	805	RMC Gp	942	+ 7	...	2.9	19.3
118	65	Raine Ind	65	...	...	3.8	14.1
40	21	Remus	27	...	...	...	...
640	460	Redland	499½	...	...	6.4	25.4
180	70	Roskel	103	...	4.3	5.3	...
185½	119	Rugby Group	124 †	+ 2	...	3.3	15.8
51	53	Secure Retire	53	...	...	...	...
87	50	Svrfld-Rve	64 †	...	0.7	1.5	30.1
240	155	Sharpe & Fisher	174	...	...	3.2	12.6
298	222	Sheffield Insl	258 †	...	...	2.7	20.7
365	233	Sherriff Hldgs	364	...	...	1.5	34.2
159	94	Sherco	155 †	...	...	4.4	14.5
245	195	Smart (J)	230	...	...	4.6	19.8
5	1½	Starmin	1½	...	...	...	...
206	123	Tarmac	127½	+ 1½	...	5.5	...
237	152	Tay Homes	152	- 2	...	4.9	16.3
183	119	Taylor Woodrw	119 †	- 3	...	1.8	29.1
750	548	Tilbury Dougls	563	...	...	1.5	58.0
60	36	Torta Hire	56 †	...	...	3.0	29.2
370	274	Travis Perkins	278 †	- 2	...	3.7	22.5
29½	15	Trencherwood	15	...	...	...	...
47½	23	Try Group	24 †	...	...	2.6	...
28	21	Tudor	22	- 1	...	1.4	...
113	90	Vibroplant	108 †	...	...	4.2	28.5
170	124	Walnhomes	124	- 2	...	4.2	13.4
74	50	Ward Hldgs	51 †	- 4	...	1.2	...
65	33	Waterhome	36	...	...	...	...
543	450	Watts Blake	542	...	...	2.8	23.3
225½	131	Westbury	152	...	...	4.3	16.9
7	3½	Wiggins	5½	...	...	...	...
57	334	Wilson Bowdn	336	- 9	...	3.6	14.9
259	171	Wilson (C)	171 †	- 4	...	3.1	14.2
214	136	Wimpey G	138 †	+ 1	...	4.8	20.6
30	16	YRM	20	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
749	583	ADT	705	- 3	...	...	...
431	293	Adam & Harvey	478	...	...	3.9	6.6
85	58	Air London	65	...	...	6.1	14.2
62	44	African Lakes	57	...	...	1.1	...
140	92	Asko Sec	92	- 2	...	...	11.9
182	101	BET Ord	102	- 2½	...	4.0	17.0
195	115	BNB Res	187	...	...	3.3	21.8
255	175	BPP	214 †	...	...	3.2	19.3
186	139	BSM	139 †	...	...	5.8	11.8
235	190	Barbour Index	190 †	- 2	...	5.6	∞
1½	1	Black & Edg	1	...	...	...	...
226	159	Brit Data Mgt	171	- 3	...	4.0	∞
51	22	Broadcastle	26	...	...	4.3	12.6
79	58	Brooks Service	66	...	...	2.8	...
117½	87	CRT Gp	94 ‡	+ ½	...	4.3	21.1
238	158	Capita Group	165 †	...	...	2.1	31.0
59	30	Caskett Plc	31½	...	...	4.4	10.7
3½	¾	Chiltern Capital	2½	+ 1	...	...	...
85	55	Christie	55	...	...	...	...
425	232	Chubb Sec	301	+ 3	...	2.6	18.5
85	41	Corp Services	60	...	...	0.5	22.6
97	48	Coutts Cnsltg	49	...	...	1.0	...
179	140	Dart	148	...	...	3.1	15.6
276	212	Davis Service	232 †	...	...	4.4	15.6
154	102	EW Fact	102	...	...	6.1	7.5
34	18½	Gardiner	18½	...	...	5.1	8.8
334	261	Hays	282	...	...	2.8	18.9
280	220	Hogg Robinsn	227	- 1	...	3.9	15.9
30	18	Holmes Protectn	25	...	...	...	1.5
365½	280	Hunsh Whamp	300	- 6	...	1.9	21.3
2690½	1728½	ISS B DKr	1812½	...	...	5.7	2.0
609	395	Inchcape	427	+ 1	...	4.5	14.0
165	138	JBA Hldgs	140	...	...	2.2	34.2
414	254	Johnson Clean	255 †	...	...	5.3	10.3
9	4	Lep	5½	...	...	...	...
194	141½	Mine Gp	184 †	...	...	1.5	21.5
1767½	1156½	Manpower	1712½	+ 34	...	0.7	...
115	65	Michael Page	109 †	...	...	2.6	26.8
143	90	Parity	133 †	- 1	...	2.1	34.7
115	85	Pennin	85	...	...	5.9	...
89½	60½	Proudfoot	68 †	...	...	6.4	16.8
415	290	RCO	300	...	...	6.3	10.4
129	97	REA	129	...	...	5.8	49.2
177	104	Reed Executive	169 †	- 1	1.0	0.7	...
153	105	Reliance Sec	136 †	...	...	4.3	∞
279	199½	Rentokil	225 †	- 2	...	1.7	22.8
195	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	189	...	...	2.6	29.4
392	243	Salvesen (C)	262	- 1	...	3.9	13.7
68	43	Scott Pickford	59	...	...	1.9	∞
17½	4	Select App	13½	...	...	...	...
307	243	Serco Gp	300 †	...	...	1.5	27.3
130	75	Sherwd Grup	100	- 1	...	...	...
130	97	Sketchley	97	- 1	...	4.1	15.2
146	100	Unipalm	111	...	...	...	...
338	325	Warner Howrd	328	...	...	2.8	15.6
30½	20½	Wills Gp	20½	- 1	...	3.0	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
156½	115½	Allied Colloids	122½	- 1½	...	2.6	19.7
1141	910	Amersham	939	-25	...	2.1	19.7
3½	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£140½	£106½	BASF DM	£127½	-12½	...	2.3	...
373	287	BTP	292	- 6	...	4.3	18.5
£160½	£129½	Bayer DM50	£139½	-649½	...	0.4	...
171	97	Blagden	119	- 1	...	1.6	35.2
131	98	Brent Chems	117½	- ½	...	4.3	...
544	311½	Brit Biotech	505	-18	...	...	...
13	5	Caird Gp	5½	- ½	...	...	16.0
199	153	Canning (W)	187	- 2	...	5.0	31.1
580	437	Courtaulds	437	- 5	...	4.2	35.2
389	327	Croda	354 †	- 8	...	3.0	15.2
133	95	Doeflex	116	...	...	5.0	13.1
283	225	Ellis & Everard	261 †	- 1	...	3.6	19.3
59	39	Euro Colour	57	...	...	2.6	20.3
390	337	Halstead (J)	385	- 1	...	2.5	...
223	150	Hickson	159 †	-12	...	6.4	14.0
£153½	£108½	Hoechst	£137½	-137½	...	5.3	...
280	157½	Holliday Chem	220 †	- 2	...	2.5	18.0
868	720	ICI	821½	- 3	...	4.1	67.2
843	704	Laporte	718	- 3	...	3.7	13.2
248	192	Leigh	205 †	- 5	...	4.8	18.8
95	48	MTM	87 †	...	...	0.7	...
2490½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2321½	-25	...	2.4	∞
635	461	Paterson Zch	498	...	...	3.2	13.0
595	416	Paterson Zch 'A'	473	...	...	3.4	12.5

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
290	182½	Plysu	182½	- 4½	...	4.8	26.1
349	285	Porvair	295 †	...	...	1.8	22.1
66	31	Sutcliffe Speak	31 †	...	...	2.0	18.4
490	361	Wardle Storeys	396	-15	...	5.5	20.7
823	570	Wistnhlme R	708 †	...	...	3.1	16.0
483	380	Yorks Chem	409 †	- 9	...	2.5	17.7
336	258	Yule Catto	274	-13	...	3.0	20.6
969	672	Zeneca	807½	+10½	...	4.3	16.2

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	203	Allders	221	- 4	...	3.5	18.5
410	317	Argos Plc	318	- 1	...	3.3	16.6
102	58½	Ashley (Laura)	74	...	...	0.2	...
357	169	Aspey	169	...	...	4.5	3.4
243	176	Austin Reed	242	...	...	2.8	13.5
168	139	Beattie (J) 'A'	140 †	...	...	5.5	18.3
150	110	Bentalls	128 †	...	...	2.0	44.3
165	32	Betterware	37	- 3	...	8.8	4.0
48	36	Blacks Leis	40 †	...	...	7.0	...
264	199½	Body Shop	225	- ½	...	1.1	21.1
601	504	Boots	526½	+ 4½	...	3.6	20.8
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	3½	...	...	...	...
263	210	Brown (N)	253	-10	...	2.0	24.3
74½	51	Burton	58½	+ ½	...	4.3	...
245	180	Cantors	190	...	...	2.7	∞
520	388	Church	500 †	...	...	3.2	25.5
171	95	Clinton Cards	102	...	...	5.8	8.8
282	194	Coats Viyella	200	+ 1	...	8.2	17.1
170	101	Ctry Casuals	101	...	...	5.3	10.3
900	728	Courts Furnish	730 †	- 3	...	1.0	37.2
210	155	Crown Eye	185 †	+ 5	...	6.4	8.0
137	83½	Dairy Farm Ind	80½	- 1½	...	4.1	12.1
143	97½	Dewhirst (II)	130 †	...	...	1.6	23.6
287	170	Dixons Grp	181 †	- 2	...	4.6	19.2
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
31½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	8½	...	...	2.8	...
530	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	...	3.8	∞
284	189	Estex Furn	189	...	...	2.5	30.2
326	217	Etam	310	- 2	...	3.0	22.0
558	493	First Art Dev	493	- 5	14.3	3.6	15.3
58	40	Fired Earth	58	...	...	...	...
728	680	Forminster	728	+ 3	...	2.7	∞
228	124	French Conn	245	- 5	...	...	13.8
78	48	Gent SR	72 †	- 3	...	3.0	∞
127	85	Goldsmiths Gp	120	- 2	...	1.1	21.5
653	524	GUS	569	+10	...	2.9	16.5
196	164	Hamleys	174	- 4	...	3.4	16.7
31	21	Hampden Grp	25	...	...	5.0	...
70½	13½	Hartstone	17½	...	...	2.3	...
91	61	Honeysuckle	73	...	...	4.3	10.7
227	178	Hse of Fraser	206	...	...	4.1	18.4
311	173	Jacques Vert	189 †	...	...	3.0	16.7
779	437	Kingfisher	489 †	-12	...	3.8	12.8
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	67 †	...	...	7.5	14.1
495	350	Liberty	360 †	...	...	1.7	...
380	277	Lloyds Chem	302½	- 2½	...	3.3	10.0
184	130	MFI	130 †	- 1	...	3.8	16.3
460	380	Marks Spencer	402½	+ 1	...	2.9	18.7
680	526	Menzies (John)	526 †	-27	...	2.8	12.9
343	238	Moss Bros	327	...	...	2.7	15.9
275	214	Next	239	...	...	3.6	14.5
91	39	Oliver (G)	91	...	...	...	28.1
335	233	Ordnance Ind	264	- 9	...	4.9	12.0
27	19½	Pemos	19½	...	...	...	...
268	169	QS Hldgs	173	...	...	3.8	20.4
62	25	Rhino Grp	26	- 3	...	2.4	24.7
209	148	Ronelys	148 †	...	...	4.0	17.3
180	111	Sherwood Gp	111	...	...	5.3	11.0
132	99½	Sears	103½	+ 4	...	4.6	12.4
45	23½	Signet Group	27½	+ ½	...	...	14.1
549	437	Smith WH	437 †	-12	...	4.4	22.5
21	10	Specialeyes	10	...	...	...	...
252	189	Storehouse	189	...	...	3.6	16.8
198	145	T & S Stores	181	...	...	4.3	13.3
173	124	Tie Rack	127	...	...	1.7	15.1
265	215	Time Products	233	...	...	4.6	18.0
133	105	Usher (Frank)	120 †	+ 2	...	7.3	9.1
539	384	Vendome	498	- 2	...	1.4	38.3
44	34	Vivat	40	...	...	3.9	10.4
70	34	WEW Group	36	...	...	2.1	26.5
105	42	Wearwell	105	+ 1	...	3.5	26.9
129	89	Wickes	89	...	...	1.8	19.9
97	54	Wld of Leather	84 †	...	...	1.1	...
195	138	Wyevale	148 †	+ 3	...	3.9	15.7

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	101½	ACT Group	101½	...	...	6.5	9.5
296	248	Acal	279	...	...	3.0	17.5
650	478	Admiral	645 †	...	...	1.3	19.8
198	163	Alba	190 †	...	...	3.3	15.7
46	34	Alphameric	42	...	...	...	32.0
50	29½	Amstrad	29½	- ½	...	2.4	...
110	73	App Holo	101	...	...	...	...
39	28	Arlen	35	+ 2	...	...	...
94½	78	Aster	84 †	...	...	1.3	17.2
281	163	Azlan	163	...	...	2.3	13.2
283	236	Scales Hunter	265 †	...	...	4.6	∞
478	348	BICC	350	- 1	...	7.0	21.7
335	411	Black	419	- 3	...	3.1	16.8
1100	637½	Borland	750	...	...	...	...
280	235	Bowthorpe	235	- 4	...	3.0	16.8
486	359½	BT	364	- 5	...	5.7	12.7
387	236½	BT p/p	243½	- ½	...	5.7	12.7
2	1¾	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	2	+ 1½	...	1.5	15.3
79	55	Burnfield	74 †	...	...	3.1	31.8
543	392½	Cable Wireless	399½	+ ½	...	2.6	17.0
35½	24	Chloride	27	...	...	...	75.5
283	263	CML Micro	268	...	...	2.8	17.1
285	105	Comptr People	169 †	...	...	1.6	45.3
202	154	Cray Elect	178½	+ ½	...	1.6	∞
467	412	Critchley	442	- 5	...	2.3	19.8
586	459	Delta	476 †	+ 9	...	3.8	20.4
661	446	Denmans El	598	- 5	...	1.4	16.7
560	400	Domino	524	...	...	2.0	22.5
78	64	Dowding Mills	64 †	...	...	3.0	∞
1635	1220	Druck	1500 †	...	...	0.9	27.9
589	448	Electrocomponents	449	- 7	...	2.8	19.6
199½	135	El Data Prc	143	...	...	1.6	15.2
175	135	Electron House	145 †	- 6	...	2.8	15.0
45	21	Ernesm	32½	...	...	0.4	...
451	343	Eurotherm	387 †	- 6	...	1.7	21.7
212	162½	FKI	165 †	- 2½	...	2.8	19.1
656	505½	Farnell Elect	507½	- 4½	...	1.8	20.8
346	298	Flxx Tech	331 †	- 2	...	1.3	19.1
283	200	Forward Gp	206	...	...	3.0	12.3
58	14½	Forward Tech	55	...	...	0.6	...
351½	269½	GEC	292 ‡	+ 3	...	4.6	14.7
350	119	Gitsely	147 †	- 1	...	5.1	13.8
14½	10	Graystone	13	...	...	2.3	∞
193	136	Ind Comml	138	+ 1	...	4.6	∞
388	288	Jones Stroud	348 †	...	...	3.2	16.6
165	99	Kalamazoo	132	...	...	3.1	14.9
16	9	Kenstop	12	...	...	1.2	...
396	335	Kewwood APP	371	- 2	...	3.0	17.8
298	221	Kewill Sys	264 †	+ 1	...	2.4	∞
165	38	Kode	49	...	...	10.2	...
63	19	LaserScan	30	...	...	...	...
143½	68	LSMS	103	+ 2	...	...	...
171	107	Life Sciences	131 †	- 1	...	3.9	13.0
321	209	Logica	307 †	- 4	...	2.0	∞
62	45	LPA Ind	47	...	...	4.2	...
216	123	ML Data Mngt	129	- 2	...	5.5	∞
723	430	Macro 4	430 †	...	...	5.8	12.1
285	210	Memwl-Sw	285 †	...	...	2.0	20.6
1300	785	Micro Focus	815	- 3	...	...	9.9
178	125	Microgen	128	- 2	...	7.3	12.5
45	31	Microvitec	37	...	...	...	...
495½	432	Mitgs	434 †	...	...	...	...
494	185	Mitel	222	...	...	...	...
188	143	MMT Comp	176	- 2	...	3.0	18.0
320	250	MTL Inst	319	...	...	1.7	20.5
148	114	Murray Ent	119 ‡	- 2	...	2.1	...
2749½	2284½	NYNEX	2425 †	-34½	...	...	...
128	71	Neuronics	87	- 2	...	4.6	15.4
65	48	Newmark (L)	48	...	...	...	...
438	279	Norbain	425 ‡	...	...	0.7	23.4
100	67	Northamber	92 †	...	...	1.1	39.1
6½	4½	Oceonics	5½	...	...	...	...
31	24	Orbis	26	...	0.5	2.5	∞
358	277	Oxford Ins	318 †	- 3	...	1.9	18.7
87	60	P & P	67 ‡	- 1	...	3.9	16.6
88	74½	Peek	81	...	...	5.3	20.3
225	173	Pegasus	173 †	...	...	3.8	17.4
£113	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£105	-1000	...	5.5	...
2125	1400	Philips Lmp nv	1918½	-31½	...	1.0	8.8
440	236	PhoneLink	253	- 1	...	...	...
390	293	Pilco	357 †	...	...	1.6	24.5
344	280	Pilco 'A' vtg	340 †	...	...	1.7	23.3
140	70	Plasmec	130 †	...	...	3.6	...
129	100	Pressac	115	...	...	2.8	23.5
305	181	Psion	274 †	- 1	...	1.3	19.2
261	187	Racal Elect	232	- 5	...	2.3	19.1
50	33	Radamec	42	- 2	...	5.1	12.9
48	27	Radius	44 †	...	...	1.0	...
169	73	Real Time	155 †	- 1	...	3.2	∞
311	229	Roxboro	244 †	...	...	2.3	17.8
615	507	Sage Gp	613	- 1	...	2.1	16.5
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	88	...	...	4.0	...
88	19	Scanmatic	24	- 2	...	4.4	∞
256	162	Scholes Gp	253	...	...	0.8	∞
432	310	Sema Gp	423 †	- 7	...	1.0	25.9
270	245	Servomex	267	...	...	3.1	29.7
49	36	Silverdines	37 †	...	...	2.7	22.0
94	63	Soundtracks	68	...	...	4.4	15.4
3225	2265½	TDK	2810½	+15½	...	1.1	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits	12	- 1½	...	...	...
101	51	TGI	98	- 2	...	3.6	18.3
170	80	Telemetrix	85	...	...	1.5	10.9
308	191	Telspec	293 †	...	...	1.1	35.4
1165	960	Thorn EMI	985 †	- 9	...	4.3	20.1
230	133	Thorpe FW	217	...	...	1.9	∞
43	22	Total Systems	31	...	...	...	32.2
303	215	Tunstall	248	- 1	...	1.8	17.7
363	286	Unitech	349 †	...	...	2.3	27.3
16	8½	Verity	9	...	...	...	...
31	21½	Vistec	23½	- ½	...	2.1	12.8
212	157½	Vodafone	197½	+ 2	...	1.8	25.8
483	395	Volex	420 †	...	...	5.4	18.4
200	60	Wakebourne	91	...	...	...	...
31	20	Western Selectn	26	...	0.2	1.2	...
335	258	Wholesale Ftgs	258 †	- 1	11.7	5.7	∞

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
787	532	East Midlands	722 †	+ 3	...	3.9	57.0
866	566	Eastern Elect	742 †	- 1	...	3.9	16.2
477	322	Hydro-Elect	395 †	+ 8	...	4.7	10.6
753	534	London Elect	685	+ 3	...	4.1	10.5
871	695	Manweb	787	- 5	...	3.9	9.4
840	547	Midlands Elec	738 †	- 5	...	3.9	11.3
520	404½	National Power	480½	+10	...	3.4	11.4
858	589	Northern Elec	756 †	- 2	...	4.1	9.5
421	329	Nthn Ireland	375 †	- 5	...	3.8	10.2
857	597	Norweb	771 †	- 1	...	3.7	10.3
602	449	PowerGen	529½	-12	...	3.0	11.6
486	337½	Scottish Power	358 †	+ 7	...	4.4	11.3
453	320	Seeboard	401	- 9	...	3.7	10.6
840	591	Sth Wales	763	-26	...	4.2	10.3
826	551	Sth Western	739 †	- 6	...	4.0	9.8
837	540	Southern Elec	724 †	+11	...	3.8	11.3
795	533	Yorkshire Elec	716 †	...	...	4.1	13.9

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
52	51	Aitken Hume	51 #	...	...	2.5	...
105	89	BWD	92 †	...	...	5.7	7.5
119	98	Bakic Plc	119	+ 1	...	2.1	13.1
215	163	Biotec Inv	168	+ 3	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	689	- 6	...	2.9	17.0
3050	1900	Camellia	2650	...	...	1.5	7.1
363	310	Candover	330 †	...	...	4.2	...
212	191	Exco	192	...	...	5.5	10.4
485	367	Gowet	380	- 1	...	4.8	6.3
250	185	Ivory Sime	227	...	...	4.1	17.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
428	150	Johnson Fry	159	...	1.5	1.2	...
295	143	Lon Forfaiting	166 †	...	...	7.0	10.4
37	44	Manakon	50	...	...	...	...
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	10½	+ ½	...	...	0.3
58	53	Newmarket	56	...	...	...	...
365	247	Rathbone Brs	271 †	- 1	...	3.9	13.4
28	2½	Rothsrd Tst	26½	...	...	4.2	13.4
369	281½	S & U	328	- 6	...	4.2	10.6
114	82	Singer & Fried	82 †	...	...	4.8	10.6
1280	788	Sotheby's	905 †	...	...	3.5	34.3
188	118	SP Capital	119	+ 1	...	9.2	7.3
228	159	Towry Law	159	...	...	3.6	∞
2037½	1628½	Amer Express	1937½	-25	...	...	...
154	124	Brewin Dolphin	134 †	...	...	5.4	9.9
225	152	Gartmore	162 †	...	...	3.0	19.3
1208	845	Henderson Ad	905	...	...	6.1	14.4
251½	152	Invesco	163 †	- 1	...	2.9	26.8
317	314½	Jardine Strat	259½	- 1½	...	3.1	10.7
322	231	MAI	231 †	- 2	...	4.2	∞
117½	92½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	92½	- ½	...	...	...
770	534	M&M	642	...	...	4.6	14.3
1263	704	M & G	931	- 3	...	3.8	19.5
496	342	Smith New Ct	374	- 3	...	3.3	3.1
65	25	Tulo Hldgs	31	...	...	6.0	14.1

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	507 †	- 2	...	3.7	9.9
66	50½	ASDA Group	65½	+ 2	...	3.4	15.0
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	289	...	...	3.7	11.5
74	44	Albert Fisher	47	- 1	...	10.0	10.4
315	222½	Argyll	274½	+ 3½	...	5.2	12.0
270	220	Banks (S C)	252 †	...	...	4.8	9.7
373	305	Barr (AG)	372	...	...	2.3	24.0
72	42	Bensons Crsp	44	...	...	6.1	...
481	378	Booker	419	- 3	...	6.7	15.1
56½	48	Borthwick	51½	...	...	3.2	22.0
505	416	Brake Bros	417	- 1	...	2.1	15.4
43	24	Budgen	25 †	- 1	...	5.0	15.9
189	156	CPL Aromas	189	...	...	2.0	18.0
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	449 †	...	...	4.5	14.9
232	143	Carrs Milling	186	...	...	3.0	∞
180	130	Cranswick	163	- 1	...	6.3	13.6
17	11½	Cullens	15	...	...	...	...
154	90	Dalepak	118 †	...	...	1.6	∞
543	389	Dalgety	436	- 1	...	6.3	11.2
87	50	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.7	...
294	212	Devro	219 †	+ 6	...	3.6	14.8
101	58	Earex	58	...	...	5.5	∞
394	344	Farepak	344 †	...	...	2.4	19.6
8½	6	Fardingford	6	...	...	...	...
85	68	Finlay (James)	77	...	...	6.9	14.0
108	87	Fyffes	101	...	...	1.7	17.3
371	189	Geest	194	...	...	5.3	...
20½	14	Global	14	...	...	4.5	12.6
68	38	Grand Central	48	...	...	...	...
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	123 †	+ 1	...	6.8	7.5
196½	151	Hillsdown	173	- 2	...	6.4	12.2
28	16	Hobson	24	...	...	...	...
211	133	Iceland Group	149 †	+ 2	...	3.3	9.3
111	93	JLI Group	100	...	...	6.0	14.1
659	523	Kwik Save	558	- 2	...	4.2	9.7
376	138	Low (Wm)	364	...	...	2.9	12.1
127	85	Matthews (B)	120 †	...	...	2.8	14.4
18	10½	Merchant Retail	11½	- ½	...	2.2	...
149	99	Morrison (W)	133	- 1	...	1.0	15.5
246	209	Nichols (JN)	243 †	...	...	3.0	15.6
271½	193	Nthn Foods	195	+ 1	...	5.6	9.5
14	9	Nthmbrn Fb	13	...	...	...	...
232	177	Nurdin Peack	186 †	...	...	4.4	10.3
146	89½	Park Foods	118 †	...	...	2.5	23.9
81	62	Perkins Food	77 †	...	...	7.2	12.9
141	109	PizzaExpress	121	...	...	2.1	∞
5½	2½	Regina Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	400½	+ 8½	...	3.3	14.2
96	73	Sentry Farm	80	- 1	...	3.5	8.1
123	71	Sims Food	91 †	...	...	10.3	∞
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	444½	+ 7½	...	3.7	11.0
255	200½	Tesco	235½	+ 3½	...	4.2	11.8
198	162	Thorntons	190	...	...	2.7	...
236	145	Treats	207 †	...	...	2.5	16.9
434½	332½	Unigate	394	- 3	...	6.5	9.4
388	301	Utd Biscuits	307	+ 1	...	6.3	34.6
21	8	Usborne	8½	...	...	4.9	6.3
422	229	Watson & Philip	375	...	...	4.9	15.2
49	34	West Trust	35 †	...	...	8.9	24.5

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
40	26	Abrdn Stk H	38	...	...	...	...
94	76	City Centre Rest	78½	- 1½	...	2.8	15.9
285	209½	Forte	234	+ 2	...	4.2	26.2
207	169	Friendly Hotels	175	- 4	...	4.1	28.9
171½	142½	Anya Hotel	168	...	...	4.1	15.0
217½	153	Ladbroke	154 †	- 2	...	2.8	27.2
109½	78½	Mandarin Orntl	84	- ½	...	3.8	22.1
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels II	30½	...	...	4.3	17.4
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	913	...	...	0.5	...
92	10½	Stakis	84	+ ½	...	1.8	30.2

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	34	AAF Inds	34	...	...	5.6	14.3
544	400	AAH	401 †	- 8	...	4.0	37.6
155	119	AIM	141 †	...	...	7.7	...
128	71	APV	71 †	...	...	4.1	...
250	157	ASW	184 †	...	...	5.7	∞
202	158	Adwest	170	...	...	4.9	33.9
38	14	Aerospace Eng	19 †	...	...	2.4	15.7
312	223	Airsprung	246	...	...	3.7	19.9
230	187	Alendra W	187	- 1	...	...	...
11½	5½	Allied Radio	6½	...	...	...	...
300	283	Alumasc	326	+ 1	...	2.4	∞
45	31½	Alvis	32 †	+ ½	...	3.9	22.2
780	705	Amber Ind	780	...	...	3.2	16.2
65½	43½	Amberley Gp	54 ‡	...	...	2.3	∞
62	43	Anagen	53	...	...	...	...
95	47	Andrews Sykes	65	...	...	...	...
380	199½	Anglogens	378	+10	...	1.2	30.5
62	48	Armour	52	- 1	...	4.4	∞
175	167	Ash & Lacy	170	+ 2	...	4.8	20.3
5	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.3	55.6
639	474	Avon Rubber	581	- 1	...	3.5	25.2
297½	248	Assoc Nursg	248	...	...	1.0	14.5
553	490	Atlas Equip	538	...	...	5.2	16.4
123	66	Ayrshire Metal	111 †	...	1.5	1.7	...
236	173	BBA	185 †	+ 2	...	3.0	...
193	115	BCP Group	165 †	- 2	...	0.8	45.3
51	24½	BM Gp	46½	...	...	...	...
767	627	BOC	691½	+14½	...	4.2	20.2
86½	60½	BSG	65	...	...	6.2	40.2
578	495	BSS Group	534	- 2	...	4.2	22.3
403	303½	BTR	308½	+ 1½	...	5.1	16.3
176	138	BWI	143	...	...	5.9	18.1
40½	29½	Babcock	36	...	...	...	...
8	6½	Bailey (CH)	7	...	...	...	...
270	216	Baird (Wm)	217	- 2	...	5.2	18.2
568½	368½	Barlow	434½	...	...	0.7	...
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	76 †	...	...	2.9	19.5
29½	17	Bearing Power	22½	...	...	4.2	14.3
95	23	Beaufort	32	...	...	...	...
35	28	Bedford (W)	32	...	...	...	...
18½	11½	Benson Group	11½ ¥	...	...	3.6	∞
393	243	Bespak	255 †	...	...	4.3	15.1
91	49	Bibby (J)	54	...	...	4.6	...
236	124	Billam (J)	141	...	...	4.8	8.6
39	26	Bilston Batsn	37	...	...	...	...
70	5½	Bimec Ind	6½ #	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	253 †	...	...	3.0	18.6
48	30	Black Arrow	43 †	- 1	...	7.6	10.5
290	233	Black (Peter)	273 †	- 2	...	2.0	19.6
250	135½	Bluebird Toys	228	...	...	3.3	6.7
329	262	Bodycote	308	...	...	2.2	21.7
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28 †	...	...	3.1	∞
75	43	Booth Inds	63	...	...	...	...
28½	17	Boustead	28	...	...	3.6	∞
524	409	Bowater	472 †	+17	...	3.5	17.7
1865½	1338½	Bowater Inc	1856½	- 3½	...	...	...
297	252	Boxmore Intl	262	- 2	...	1.9	16.7
20	15	Brasway	17 †	...	...	3.9	17.3
370	288	Brammer	352 †	- 1	...	4.6	19.6
31	17	Bridgend Gp	17	...	...	1.5	∞
171	120	Bridon	161	...	...	3.1	...
97	74	Bridport-Gndry	95	...	...	3.0	...
57½	44½	Brierley Inv	47½	- ½	...	8.8	∞
235	190	Br Bldg & Eng	190	...	...	5.3	16.0
124	70	Br Bloodstock	74	...	...	...	66.4
515	435	Br Polythene	447	...	...	3.5	15.5
172½	121½	Br Steel	172½	+ 3½	...	1.4	64.0
176	78	Br Thornton	78	- 4	...	9.6	6.8
309	224½	Br Vita	224½	-12½	...	4.2	16.7
180½	136½	Brixton Grp	153 ‡	...	...	2.0	22.5
988	773½	Broken Hill	924	...	...	2.2	37.7
125	86½	Bromsgrve Ind	93 †	...	...	6.0	11.8
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	14	...	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	50	...	...	...	...
186	135	Bullough	155	...	...	4.9	25.5
16	8	Business Tech	8	...	...	...	...
22	14	CI Group	16	...	...	3.9	65.3
54	31	Campbell & Arm	46	...	...	...	...
39	26	Cannon St	27½	...	...	...	10.5
488	398	Cantab Pharms	398	...	...	...	...
278	246	Cape	246	- 3	...	5.6	15.6
455	254	Caradon	268 †	- 8	...	4.1	17.8
215½	128½	Caradon pf	139½	- 2½	7.2	6.7	...
395	290	Carclo Eng	290	...	...	4.5	16.3
10	6	Care UK	6½	+ ½	...	...	...
2446½	1800½	Carnaud Mtl	2031½	- 3½	...	2.4	15.2
104	80	Cassidy Bros	85	...	...	4.0	10.9
155	110	Castings	140	...	...	3.3	17.2
66	32½	Cathay Intl	33	- 1	...	...	...
233	191	Celltech	207	...	...	...	...
173	155	Chamberlin Hill	160	...	...	5.1	10.1
836	636½	Charter	772	-18	...	3.6	22.0
360	272	Chemring	288	...	...	4.0	15.2
62	46	Chieftain Gp	56 †	...	...	7.8	11.2
246	152	Christies Int	167½	- 1½	...	1.5	29.6
80	60	Claybithe	73	...	...	4.5	∞
688	403	Cohen (A)	510	...	3.4	0.8	...
297	232	Community H	255½	...	...	3.9	∞
263	187	Concentric	199	...	...	3.9	15.7
310	240	Cook (Wm)	281 †	...	...	3.3	13.5
285	227	Cookson	239 †	- 3	...	3.4	21.6
117	81	Copymore	115 †	...	...	4.5	16.3
167	130	Crowll Ptr 'A'	130	+ 2	...	5.3	∞
157	109	Cosalt	131	...	...	6.0	...
285	198	Creighton Nt	201	...	...	4.8	∞
44	30	CrestaCare	31 †	...	...	3.1	...
2062½	19½	Dana	1725	+25	...	...	...
388	277	Danks Bs Sys	285	- 1	...	0.7	24.1
286	220	David Brown	234	- 2	...	3.4	16.5
1021	825	De La Rue	920	...	...	2.7	19.6
162	133	Denby Group	150	...	...	2.6	14.6
52	34	Dinkie Heel	34	...	...	5.2	8.7
628	450	Diploma	451½	- 5½	...	3.5	18.1
92	70	Dobson Park	82	...	...	5.7	16.2
134	102	Dyson (J&J)	105 †	- 1	...	4.2	∞
97	78	Dyson 'A'	84 †	...	...	5.2	∞
16	12	EFG	14	+ 1½	0.1	0.9	9.1
442	364	EIS	390	...	...	4.0	15.5
35	15	Elsief	17	...	...	...	...
53	31	Eleco	32	+ 1	...	...	...
3756½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	2967½	-69½	...	1.8	50.9
41	64	Elliott (B)	87	+ 1	...	1.4	13.3
447½	321	Eng China Cl	355 †	- 2	...	5.7	17.1
146	86	Enviromed	124	+ 3	...	0.2	...
3662½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3368½	-12½	...	1.1	29.4
86	56	Eurocopy	65	...	...	3.5	19.1
118	60	Expamet	100	- 1	...	3.3	69.0
402	334½	Fairey Group	375 †	...	...	2.1	19.8
148	109	Fenner	142	...	...	0.4	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
45	38	Ferrum	38	...	...	...	...
78	30	Flle Indmar	58 †	...	...	5.9	8.5
157	113	Fisons	117	...	...	3.0	...
60	37	Fitzwilton	43 †	...	...	10.8	...
300	263	Flogas	300	...	...	2.8	12.4
51	32	Folkes Group nv	40 †	- 1	1.5	4.1	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	95	...	...	4.8	18.8
284	193	Frost Group	238 †	...	...	2.8	24.0
88	77	GEI Int	85	...	...	2.3	23.3
660	510½	GKN	616½ †	+12½	...	4.2	36.1
79	49	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.1	...
134	91	Garton Eng	133	...	...	4.4	35.0
191	121	Gestetner	123 ‡	-23	...	2.4	...
60	49	Glevos	62	...	...	2.0	39.8
725	520	Glaxo	585½	+11½	...	5.8	14.3
46	35½	Glenchewton	36	...	...	...	...
404	325	Glynwed	325	- 7	...	4.5	18.6
209	125	Goode Durrant	194	...	...	3.9	15.2
185	130	Grampian Hdg	130	...	...	5.5	50.7
598	475	Granada	509 †	+ 4	...	2.3	20.1
775	452	Great Strn	773 †	...	...	2.3	25.6
85	71	Green (Ernst)	78	...	...	10.0	∞
15½	10½	Greenacre	10½	- ½	...	4.0	14.0
85	61	Haden MacLn	75 †	- 1	...	3.3	19.4
122	90	Hadleigh	117 †	...	...	2.1	13.7
78	59	Halkin Hldgs	62	...	...	...	48.4
330	148	Hall Eng	149 †	...	...	6.7	11.7
256	204	Halma	215	- 4	...	1.4	25.2
73	47	Hampson Ind	70 †	...	...	3.6	13.3
302	226½	Hanson	230½	+ 2½	...	6.5	20.6
161	122	Harris (Philip)	150	...	...	5.7	18.5
220	152	Harrsn Crsfld	167	...	...	6.9	18.6
180	121	Havelock Euro	170	- 2	...	1.3	20.2
48	28	Hay (Norman)	28	...	...	...	...
50	33	Headway	35 †	...	...	2.5	27.2
511	284	Hepworth	302	+ 2	...	6.3	16.9
205	140	Hewitt (J)	140	...	...	2.9	...
75	52	High-Point	53	...	0.5	1.2	...
189½	141	Hill & Smith	141	...	...	5.2	15.3
191	111	Holders Tech	119	...	...	6.3	12.9
63	39	Hopkinsons	57	...	...	2.9	...
216	176	Hornby	185	...	...	6.1	16.0
103	78	Howden	85 †	...	...	3.6	13.6
282	234	Howlock	259	...	...	2.9	18.4
265	175	Hunting	175	- 4	...	7.1	34.6
513	402	Huntlgh Tec	420	-13	...	1.6	24.1
379	288	IMI	291 †	- 2	...	4.4	24.7
138	110	ISA Intl	116	...	...	1.8	15.5
165	45	Intercare Gp	47	...	...	9.3	5.0
325	234	Isoron	258 †	...	...	2.1	∞
710	409½	Jardine Math	537½	-12½	...	2.7	12.3
628	488	Johnson Matth	549	- 2	...	2.6	21.8
51	37	Johnson & FB	39½	...	...	1.1	...
294	149	Johnston	279	+ 2	...	0.9	...
32	25	Jones Shipman	30	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	31	...	...	4.1	30.3
191½	148½	Kalon	158½	- ½	...	3.5	15.0
302	230	Kelsey Ind	302	...	...	3.3	...
875	730	Kershaw (A)	875	...	...	3.9	40.3
276	163	Kleeneze	168	- 2	...	0.7	37.3
444	341	Laird	373	...	...	3.7	17.3
170	145	Lilleshall	164 †	...	...	3.6	17.2
229	205	Lincat	216 †	+ 1	...	4.0	∞
408	313	Linton Park	405	...	...	5.5	11.4
14	5½	Lionheart	5½	...	...	6.5	13.0
20½	15	Locker (T) A	16½	- ½	...	1.5	∞
152½	74	Lon Intl	87	...	...	...	...
175½	124½	Lonrho	131½	+ 1	...	3.8	36.1
438	364	Low & Bonar	407 †	+ 1	...	3.2	16.2
49	41	ML Hldgs	46 †	...	...	2.3	15.9
67	49	MS Intl	49	...	...	6.4	29.6
70	45	MY Holdings	58	...	...	3.2	14.1
271	223	Macfarlane	259 †	...	...	2.0	20.8
539	431	McKechnie	438	- 6	...	4.2	21.0
127	100	McLeod Russel	115	...	...	6.6	17.9
84	70	Magnolia	73	...	...	0.2	...
179	129	Mang Bronze	167	...	...	2.6	18.8
34½	18½	Marling	25½	...	...	3.2	45.7
231	166	Mayborn	188 †	...	...	3.9	12.5
64	53	Mayflower	57 †	...	...	3.1	23.2
187	120	Mellors	148 †	+ 2	...	2.4	11.9
120	76	Meggitt	76 †	...	...	6.5	12.2
128	101	Metalrr	110	...	...	4.3	18.1
130	90	Metrotect	102	...	...	4.2	∞
133	99	Mettoy	131	...	...	2.9	18.1
95	63	Midsomes	70	...	...	...	9.7
589	542	Molins	542 †	...	...	3.6	10.9
408	322	Morgan Cble	324	+ 2	...	5.0	15.4
217	176	Morris Ashby	208 †	...	...	3.6	∞
51	34	Neepsend	38 †	...	...	4.1	17.8
80	42	Nestor-BNA	43 †	...	...	9.2	9.7
274	234	Nobo Gp	234 ‡	...	...	3.2	15.0
212½	119	Norcros	124	...	...	7.1	22.2
35	27	Novo Group	27	...	...	5.1	8.7
64	48	OMI Intl	52 †	- 1	...	4.2	...
175	153	PCT	155 †	...	...	6.0	∞
91	66	Pacer Systems	71	...	...	6.9	23.0
46	31	Pascoe's	41	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	101 †	...	...	3.6	20.0
310	210	Photo-Me	213	- 2	...	2.9	∞
308	162	Pilkington	187	...	...	2.7	...
55	38	Plant & Gen	55	+ 1	1.5	3.4	∞
185	82	Plantsbrook	173	...	...	2.5	20.4
185	129	Polypipe	138 †	- 1	...	2.1	∞
45	16	Porter Chadburn	40	...	...	...	...
341	218	Powerscreen	315½	...	...	2.9	14.1
23½	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	...	5.9	9.3
77	56	RPS Group	66 †	...	...	4.7	12.4
108	65	Radiant Metal	65	...	...	...	...
447½	355½	Rank Org	402½	+ 4½	...	3.9	25.8
71	13	Ransomes	59	...	...	...	...
714½	533	Reckitt Colm	541 †	+ 8	...	4.2	13.3
95	70	Record	88	...	...	5.2	19.5
5½	3½	Reece	4	...	...	...	...
291	211	Relyon	259 †	...	...	2.6	47.3
308	268	Renishaw	288	+11	...	3.0	∞
185	126	Renold	179	...	...	1.7	24.8
539½	424	Reuters	475½	+ 4½	...	1.8	23.8
90	72	Rexmore	73 †	- 1	...	4.3	7.4
194	138	Ricardo Group	143	-10	...	5.4	∞
73	54	Richard (Leics)	54	...	...	5.2	38.7
104½	82½	Richardson West	83 †	...	...	4.9	18.2
164	118½	Ropner	136 †	...	...	6.9	15.4
33	14	Ross Gp	14	...	...	3.6	...
195	157	Rotork	168 †	- 2	...	3.3	17.3
190	137	Rubicon	137 †	...	...	4.2	15.5
105	62	Russell (A)	96	- 1	...	3.0	19.5
42	34½	SEP Intl	38 †	...	...	3.0	17.9
1459½	1087½	SKF 'B'	1103½	+ 3½	...	...	...
272	186	Scapa	211	...	...	3.5	18.0
210	156	Scholl	156 †	- 2	...	5.1	15.0
295	242	Scotia	274	- 7	...	...	...
1543	1146	Securicor	1488 †	...	...	0.3	36.8
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	945 †	- 2	...	0.4	23.4
892	606	Security Serv	763 †	- 2	...	1.0	24.2
150½	113	Senior Eng	113½	- ½	...	3.8	18.3
356	291	Seton Health	337	+ 1	...	2.4	17.2
180	138	Shiloh	155	...	...	2.8	10.3
358	251	Sidlaw	251	- 2	...	5.4	12.3
630	517	Siebe	540 †	+ 2	...	2.5	17.4
378	194	Silentnight	217	...	...	4.6	12.4
196	137	Simon Darby	173	...	...	3.1	∞
130½	75	Simon Eng	101	...	...	...	...
244	186	Sinclair (Wm)	196	...	...	4.5	15.9
73	35	Six Hundred	73	+ 1	...	3.6	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	143	- ½	...	4.5	15.6
465½	357½	Smithkline	427 †	+ 4	...	3.2	16.6
421	322	Smithkline Uts	391 †	+ 6	...	3.5	15.2
527½	421	Smiths Ind	421	...	...	3.6	16.9
104	41	Stbn Bus	50	- 2	...	9.3	7.8
280	155½	Spandex	269	...	...	1.1	24.6
443	337	Spirax-Sarco	432	- 1	...	2.9	18.2
81½	45	Spring Ram	45½	- ½	...	1.4	...
267	197	Staveley	207	- ½	...	5.1	60.5
267	197	Sterling Ind	247	...	...	3.2	22.2
220	177	Suter	177 ‡	...	...	6.8	17.1
604	440½	Swire Pack 'A'	494½	-11	...	1.9	∞
175	149	Sylvester	165 †	...	...	3.7	15.3
455	344	TI	347 †	+ 3	...	4.1	19.2
44	31	TLS Range	39 †	...	...	3.2	12.7
402	330	TT Group	359	- 9	...	2.2	∞
292	192	Tallent	213 †	- 4	2.0	1.2	16.4
857½	656	Takeda Chem	745½	-16½	...	0.4	15.6
121	92	Tinsley (E)	120 †	- 1	...	5.4	19.5
220	190	Titan	190	...	...	2.5	16.2
283	204	Tomkins	221½	+ 7	...	4.2	14.2
134	78½	Trafalgar H	84	...	...	1.5	...
105	45	Transfer Tech	49	- 4	...	5.6	5.1
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	136 †	...	...	6.2	∞
312	257½	UniChem	265 †	- 2	...	3.5	14.7
440	265	Unidare	300	...	...	5.5	16.3
54	33	Unigroup	38	...	...	...	...
1247	958	Unilever	1124	+ 6	2.6	2.6	16.2
£118½	8980½	Unilever (NV)	7225	+ 2½	...	3.0	24.6
18½	12	Utd Inds	15	- 1½	...	2.6	...
1228	980	VSEL	1210	-19	...	3.5	11.3
31½	12½	Vernon	12½	...	...	...	...
204	160	Vickers	174½	...	...	2.5	16.5
327	260	Victaulic	260 †	...	...	3.9	16.3
522	451	Vinten	512	...	...	3.0	16.6
805	661	Vosper Thorny	710	-10	...	3.2	15.4
65	37	WSP Hldgs	58 †	...	...	4.1	14.0
557	451	Waron Ind	475 †	...	...	4.7	24.2
114	97	Walker Greenbk	106	...	3.3	3.9	∞
324	246½	Wassall	279 †	- 4	...	1.6	24.0
65	44	Wxford Wdgwd	59	- 1	...	...	46.0
354½	246½	Weir	262	- 2	...	3.2	15.6
731	498	Wellcome	646½	+ 5	...	3.3	14.7
220	195	Wellington Hdg	195 †	- 1	...	3.3	18.6
39½	37½	Wellman	38	...	...	3.0	62.0
400	294	West Hldcare	354 †	- 1	...	1.6	∞
548	407	Whatman	407 †	- 2	...	3.2	14.9
264	90	Whessoe	102	...	...	0.0	7.8
147	93	Whitecroft	139	...	...	6	21.9
13½	10	Widney	11	...	...	...	...
414½	322	Williams Hldg	330½	+ 3½	...	4.9	21.0
57	39½	Wilshaw	56½	...	...	1.3	22.2
975	705	Wolseley	767	+10	...	2.4	15.6
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.2
69	40	Wyko	65 †	...	...	...	∞
96	70	Young (H)	78	...	...	5.3	...

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1493½	937½	Alex & Alex	1237½	-12½	...	5.4	...
2043½	1697½	Am Gen	1712½	-12½	...	4.3	...
86	50	Archer	50	...	...	2.5	...
105	89	Bradstock	92	- 2	...	7.5	10.6
550	370	Britannic	387 †	- 3	...	4.5	...
117	90	CLM Insce	91	...	...	2.0	...
701½	481½	Com Union	505 ‡	+ 7	...	6.3	19.0
1950	1663	Dom & Gen	1670 †	...	...	2.1	∞
64	33	FAI	39	+ 2	...	1.6	∞
194	142½	Fenchurch Grp	144	...	...	6.2	12.9
757	533	Gen Accident	548	+ 5	...	6.5	6.7
247	161	GRE	183	+ 2	...	5.4	21
457	254	Heath C E	254	-10	...	7.9	...
325	239	Independent	253 †	...	...	4.7	7.2
203	129	JIB Group	131 †	- 1	...	7.2	12.0
547	407	Legal & Gen	440 †	+ 4	...	5.9	14.6
1375	965½	Liberty Life	1756½	-47½	...	1.1	5.2
119	93	LIMIT	94	...	...	1.3	∞
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	330 †	- 1	...	7.0	10.3
310	164	Lloyd Thomp	164	...	...	6.1	∞
185	150	Lombard Ins	150 †	- 2	...	5.3	∞
445	313	Londn & Man	330 †	...	...	6.1	16.4
236	177	Lowndes Lmb	177 ‡	- 7	...	5.3	11.2
5893½	4862½	Marsh McLn	4900	-50	...	3.9	...
168	147	Nelson Hurst	170 †	...	...	4.1	17.0
129½	109	Oriel	116	- 3	...	5.5	∞
83	38	PWS	39	...	...	9.6	...
385	271	Prudential	297½	- 7½	...	5.1	12.6
404	261	Refuge	269	- 2	...	5.6	∞
350	232½	Royal	266 †	- 6	...	3.9	7.3
222	145	Sedgwick	145 †	- 3	...	5.3	16.4
155	105	Steel Burrill	111	- 2	...	10.4	...
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	60	...	...	6.2	12.6
418	285	Sun Alliance	321 †	+ 9	...	5.8	6.9
95	51	Trade Indemnity	64	...	...	1.8	14.2
464	337	Transatlantic	337 †	- 1	...	4.5	30.5

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
673	468	Utd Friendly	493 †	- 7	...	4.3	25.3
245	133	Willis Corroon	147 †	+ 2½	...	5.0	14.2
28	20	Windsor	24	+ 1	...	...	18.9
336	280	3i	326½	+ ½	...	2.5	...
2058	1703	Alliance	1736 †	+ 8	...	3.4	...
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	415	+ 1	...	2.2	...
161	117	BZW Conv	117 †	...	...	8.3	∞
219	173	Bankers	184½	+ 3	...	2.6	...
381	311	Baring Tribne	316	+ 1	...	2.6	...
248	198	Berry Starq	220	...	2.2	1.2	∞
120½	91½	Br Assets	94 †	...	...	5.7	...
98	89	Br Empire Sec	93½	...	...	1.2	...
46	31	Br Empire Wts	37½	- ½	...	...	...
234	188	Br Inv	200	+ 1	...	3.0	...
272	221	Brunner	235	...	...	2.8	...
223	194	Contl Asset	199	...	...	1.9	...
173	147	Derby Inc	160	...	...	12.3	...
328	268	Derby Cap	275	- 5	...	...	...
100	73	Drayton Blue	78	...	...	13.5	...
111	84	Drytn Eng Intl	94	...	...	1.1	...
156	126	Drytn Far East	139½	- 1	...	0.6	...
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	636 †	- 2	...	5.2	...
108	95	Dunedin Japan	98	...	...	...	...
80	45	Dunedin Wts	46	...	...	...	...
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	319	...	...	3.5	...
827	725	Dunedin Wrdw	772	+ 3	...	1.5	...
360	281	Edinburgh	301	+ ½	...	3.6	...
354	286	Electra Inv	318½	+ ½	...	2.8	...
220	185	Electric Gen	193	...	...	2.1	...
127	106	English Scot	113	...	...	...	...
345	286	European Asset	303	- 1	...	1.9	...
174	149	Fidity Euro Val	149	- 1	...	0.3	...
107½	98	Fidity Jap Val	99½	...	...	...	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	159	- 1	3.0	2.4	...
343	276½	Fleming Amer	295	+ 1	...	0.4	...
145	75½	Fleming Chinese	78	- 1½	...	...	...
92	38½	Fleming Wts	38½	- 1	...	...	...
287	196	Fleming Claver	204 †	...	...	3.4	...
385	305	Fleming Contl	322½	- ½	...	0.9	...
284	190	Fleming Entp	203 †	...	...	3.0	...
459	327	Fleming F East	368	+ 1	1.5	0.5	...
422	369½	Fleming Fledg	367	...	...	1.0	...
120	89	Fleming Hi Inc	94 †	...	...	5.8	...
284	223	Fleming Japan	264	+ 3	...	0.2	...
347	269½	Fleming Merc	280 †	+ 1	...	2.9	...
347½	280½	Fleming Oseas	289 †	+ 1	...	1.6	...
159½	126½	Foreign & Col	135 †	+ 1½	...	1.7	...
148	106½	Frgn Emg Mkts	134½	...	0.2	0.3	...
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	71½	- ½	...	1.0	...
281	216	Frgn Eurotr	230	...	...	0.7	...
145	116	Frgn German	121	...	...	0.5	...
374	307	Frgn Pacific	321	+ 1	...	1.0	...
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	166½	- ½	...	1.5	...
303	246	GT Japan	248	+ 1	...	0.6	...
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	171	...	...	...	...
115½	105	Genl Inc	108 †	...	...	10.1	...
181	139	Govett Am Smlr	144	...	...	...	...
151	101	Gov Emg Mkt	121 †	...	...	0.3	...
96½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	85	...	...	...	...
112	78	Govett High Inc	80 †	+ 1	...	7.0	...
429	349	Govett Oriental	398	+ 1	...	0.3	...
346	239	Govett Strategic	244	+ 3	...	3.5	...
475	410	Greenfriar	425	...	...	2.0	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	86	Herald	90	...	...	...	...
99	92	Int Biotech	94	...	...	...	...
50	30	Int Wts	41	...	...	...	...
158	122	Inv Cap	128	...	...	5.0	...
119	94	IRS UK Smlr	106	- 1	...	3.3	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	163	+ 1	...	...	...
243	196½	Kleinwort Chrl	200	...	...	3.2	...
89½	75½	Klnwr Euro Prvt	77	- ½	...	...	...
49	23½	Klnwt Euro Wts	27½	- ½	...	...	...
272½	232½	Klnwt O'seas	236½	+ 1½	...	1.8	...
165	132	Klnwt Smlr	132 †	- 1	...	2.9	...
826	672	Law Debenture	749 †	+ 1	...	3.3	...
227	190	Majedie	199	- 1	...	3.1	...
321	237	Merchants	257½	+ 2½	...	5.5	...
90	79½	Mercury Euro Pv	80½	- ½	...	...	...
45	28½	Mercury Wts	29½	...	...	...	...
125	98	Merc Wld Mg	112½	+ ½	...	...	...
52½	35	Mercury Wld Wts	43	...	...	...	...
2567½	2162½	Merrill Lynch	2162½	-46½	...	...	...
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	524	+ 7	...	1.7	...
155	127	Morg Gren Inc	131	...	...	4.3	...
64	43	Morg Wts	50	...	...	...	...
111	87	Morg Lata Amer	109½	...	...	...	...
65	39	Morg Wts	60½	...	...	...	...
148	114	Murray Emt	119 ‡	- 2	...	2.1	...
56	34	Murray Wts	37	...	...	...	...
66	54	Murray Euro	60	...	...	0.6	...
25	16	Murray Wts	17	...	...	...	...
393	317	Murray Income	329 †	- 1	...	4.5	...
385	319	Murray Intl	335	- 1	...	4.1	...
548	424	Murray Small	490	- 1	...	1.1	...
99	82	Murray S/C Inc	87 †	...	...	15.2	...
174	135	Murray S/C Cap	148	...	...	...	...
3400	2950	Murray S/C Uts	2950 †	...	...	4.5	...
162	157	Murray S/C DP	157	...	...	...	...
363	319	Murray Vent	319	...	...	4.6	∞
95	61	Nthtrng Inc	64	...	...	9.4	...
404	332	O'seas Inv Tst	354	- 1	...	1.1	...
341	177	O'seas Wts	207	...	...	...	...
540	433	Pacific Assets	519	- 3	...	0.3	...
542	335	Pacific Wts	419	- 5	...	...	...
8400	7900	Personal Assets	8500	...	195	3.9	...
169	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	175	...	...	1.1	...
127	112½	River & Merc	114 †	+ 1	...	10.1	...
449	413	Robeco	422	...	...	3.0	...
463	415	Rolinco	433	...	...	1.6	...
343	290	St Andrew Inv	316 †	- 1	...	3.1	...
183	150	Scot American	156½	...	...	3.8	...
308	258	Scot Asian	289	+ 1	...	...	...
1000	667	Scot Wts	808	...	...	...	...
97	77	Scot Eastern	81 †	+ 1½	...	2.4	...
262½	209	Scottish	213½	+ 1	...	2.9	∞
254½	205	Scottish Mrge	221½	+ 2½	...	2.3	...
133	111	Scottish Value	117	...	...	2.2	...
1795	1520	Second Allnce	1540 †	- 1	...	3.4	∞
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	82	+ 1	...	5.0	...
179	142	Selective Asset	159	...	...	1.1	...
51½	41	Sphere Inv	43½	...	...	9.5	...
205	149	TR Far East	162 †	- 1	...	3.8	...
177½	135½	TR City Ut Lon	141	...	...	4.7	...
124	96	TR Pacific	110	- 1	...	0.2	...
45½	32	TR Propern	33½	- 1	...	3.3	...
152	113	TR Tech Inv	116	- 1	...	1.9	...
224	182	TR Smlr Cos	195½	- 1	...	2.4	...
412	310	Temple Bar	335 †	...	...	5.1	...
125	102	Throgm Asian E	111	- 1	...	0.6	...
101	72½	Throgmorton	79	+ ½	...	3.6	...
568	408	Three Dual Cp	503	...	...	...	...
269	233	USDC Invest	242 †	...	...	5.2	...
129	109	Value Inc Tst	111	...	...	4.5	...
257½	205	Witan	226½	+ 2	...	3.2	...
5½	4	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
50	36	Oil Search	45	+ 1	...	...	...
50½	17½	Petroz	42½	...	...	...	...
169	153	Pict Pet	156½	...	...	...	∞
111	100	Pridentcell Rs	104	...	...	...	...
32½	21½	Premier	25½	+ ½	...	...	14.0
159	115	Presidio	126	...	...	5.2	...
292	129	Ramco Eng	239	+ 5	...	0.3	...
463	325	Ranger	400	...	...	5.1	...
7700	6041½	Royal Dtch Fl	6425	+60½	...	4.7	17.9
4084	3405½	Schlumberger	3467	-21½	...	2.2	...
65	50	Seafield	51	...	...	...	...
759	651	Shell	695½	+11½	...	4.5	21.2
182	128	Sunrise Eng Sv	129	...	...	...	...
19	9	Villers Grp	11	...	...	...	...
272	174	Woodside	275	...	...	1.6	...
110	24	XCL	56	...	...	...	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
578½	417	Airtours	450	- 1	...	2.5	15.6
46½	19	Ald Leis	20	...	...	...	...
177	145	Alpha Airpts	146	- 1	...	3.5	∞
131	85	Baldwin	116 †	...	...	3.6	20.0
323	267	Barr & W 'A'	279 †	...	...	4.5	11.6
365	231	Boosey Hwks	342	...	...	1.6	20.6
275	133	Border TV	166	...	...	2.7	15.5
7½	3	Brent Walker	3½	...	...	...	...
200	100	Bristol Scons	165	-15	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	3	...	...	...	...
74	37	Campari	37	...	...	...	...
439	328	Capital Radio	370	- 4	...	2.1	33.2
1047	797	Carlton Comm	838	- 6	...	2.9	16.5
375	248	Castle Comm	360	...	...	1.6	∞
213	114	Chrysalis	206	...	2.2	2.0	...
354	305	Compass Gp	319	- 6	...	2.7	15.8
290	222	Eurocamp	270	...	0.0	4.0	11.1
213	92	Euro Disney	95	- 2	...	...	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	3	- ½	...	...	...
455	308	Fairline Boats	426	- 1	...	3.5	29.6
131	81	First Choice	125	...	...	3.5	...
353	252	First Leisure	284 †	+ 1	...	3.1	17.8
478	309	Flextech	415	...	...	...	...
1053	675	GWR Gp	913 †	...	...	1.4	22.0
356	228	Grampian	342	...	...	2.7	18.2
172	106	HTV Group	151	...	...	1.4	42.6
96	45	Hi-Tec Sport	45	-33	...	8.9	6.4
15½	11½	Kunick	15	...	...	...	...
253	200	Landon Clubs	244	- 1	...	6.1	12.4
702	533	Man Utd	694	- 4	...	3.9	∞
15	13½	Ms Kunda Town	13½	...	...	...	...
62	34	Northern	62	...	...	4.2	∞
102	65½	The Pelican Gp	95	- 1	...	1.5	∞
183	130	Prism Leisure	130	- 1	...	4.0	9.2
43	26	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...	...	...
278	205	Ramsdens (H)	265 †	...	...	2.1	39.6
628	456	Scott Radio	590	...	...	3.2	23.0
574	355	Scot TV	494	- 1	...	3.1	27.1
40½	21½	SelecTV	22	...	...	...	...
350	290½	Stanley Leisure	328	...	...	2.0	16.5
153	125	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
345½	280	Tanjong	290	...	...	1.1	∞
267	75	Tottenham Hot	143 †	- 1	...	0.9	38.4
760	518	Ulster TV	720 †	...	...	2.8	22.1
150	129	VCI	149	...	...	4.6	13.5
148	112	Vardon	119 ‡	- 2	...	1.3	21.1
392	150	Yorkshire TV	384	...	...	...	...
149	110	Zenith Gp	147 †	...	...	7.2	∞

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3762½	2509½	Ang Am	3534½	+25	...	2.0	31.4
3950	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3487	...	...	2.6	18.9
7206½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	7150	+34½	...	3.4	21.3
36	25	Anglo Pac Res	25½	...	...	...	...
1512½	1196½	Ashanti	1275	- 2½	...	...	...
404	275	Bakyrchik	304	...	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	170	+ 3½	...	...	...
37	14½	Bracken	19½	...	...	5.6	...
898	588	Buffels	840½	- 3½	...	6.5	∞
6	2½	Bute	3	...	...	...	...
966	745½	CRA	893	...	...	2.4	28.2
59½	36	Chitl Res	48	...	...	...	...
130	28½	Coal Ins	121	...	...	...	...
1750	1318½	De Beers	1487½	...	...	3.5	15.7
148	88	Deelkraal	117½	+ ½	...	3.0	10.3
99½	30	Doornfontein	99½	+ 2½	...	...	...
1039½	665½	Driefontein	1006½	+10½	...	4.2	14.7
929	549½	Durban	856	+ 2½	...	...	...
203½	107	E Rand Gold	186½	-12½	...	9.5	7.0
122½	99½	E Rand Prop	115	- ½	...	...	...
499½	307½	Elandsrand	495½	+ 1½	...	3.2	11.5
1239	741½	FS Cons	1090	+10½	...	6.4	11.2
82	27	FS Dev	82	...	...	1.5	...
1918½	1193½	GFSA	1887½	+ 6½	...	2.0	26.1
219½	108½	Gencor	219½	+ ½	...	1.2	∞
80½	53½	GM Kalgoorli	62	...	...	2.3	23.2
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	20	...	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	187	+ 5	...	4.8	∞
680½	319½	Harmony	680½	+ 1½	...	...	...
430	268½	Harries	370½	+ 1	...	7.7	10.8
1512½	831½	Impala Plat	1512½	+25	...	1.6	46.7
1315½	890½	Kinross	1156½	-12½	...	4.1	∞
1087½	568½	Kloof	1070	+10½	...	3.0	11.1
132	69½	Leslie	128	+ ½	...	6.2	∞
368½	156½	Lorraine	361½	+ 1	...	...	...
1137½	897½	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	2.0	∞
162	118	MIM	131	...	...	1.8	...
1762½	1222	Minorco	1690 †	...	...	2.2	∞
201½	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	177	...	...	2.9	26.1
905	790	RTZ	878½	- 6½	...	2.9	25.0
500	187½	Rand Mines	462½	...	...	3.3	17.5
840½	547½	Randfontein	840½	+ 2½	...	3.8	∞
295	207	Renison	250	+ 3	...	...	...
1909½	1078½	Rustnbrg	1743½	- 3½	...	1.7	∞
750	539½	St Helena	733½	+ 1½	...	3.5	∞
2687½	1484½	Southvaal	2115½	+ 6½	...	4.1	24.5
143	73	Stilfontein	137	...	...	14.5	∞
261½	93	Unisel	204½	...	...	2.2	∞
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	7037½	-93½	...	3.6	11.5
1000	508½	Western Areas	1070	+14½	...	6.6	∞
3562½	2050	Western Deep	3265½	+ 9½	...	3.2	11.3
398	300½	Wstrn Mining	371	...	...	1.0	∞
1225	603½	Winkels	909½	+ 3½	...	3.9	∞
66	50	Zambia Copper	59	...	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	65	...	...	7.6	15.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
283	233	Abbey Panels	275	...	...	...	...
140	108	Airflow Stream	140	...	3.0	2.7	21.1
175	117	Appleyard	118 †	...	...	6.1	20.8
408	268	Bletchley Mtr	275 †	...	...	4.6	11.3
306	180	Bostrum	306	...	...	2.5	17.3
584	390	Br Aerospace	452½	+ 3½	...	2.5	39.4
57	37	Burndene	39	...	...	6.4	11.4
465	280	Caffyns	300	-10	...	4.8	20.2
22	13½	Cloverdale	15 †	...	...	1.2	15.2
130	98	Central Mtr	99 †	...	...	4.4	24.5
51	32½	Cork (DC)	44 †	...	...	2.8	∞
348	216	Cowie	219½	+ 1	...	4.7	10.7
192½	127	Dag Motors	151	- 2	...	5.5	17.1
158	113	Davnpt Vern	156	...	...	2.6	15.5
392	275	ERF	327	...	...	0.8	...
234	202	Eurodollar	204	+ 2	...	5.2	16.0
173	114	European Mtr	125 ‡	- 3	...	4.4	12.5
539½	395	Evans Halshaw	397 †	- 7	...	4.5	12.5
310	235	FR Group	287	...	...	3.3	15.7
2359½	1687½	Ford Motor	1737½	-25	...	...	...
4387½	2950	General Mtr	2962½	-62½	...	1.7	...
90	60	Gowrings	76 †	...	...	3.3	21.1
342½	266½	Henlys	294 †	...	...	3.3	15.2
1239	918	Honda Motor	1054	- 8½	...	0.4	...
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58	...	...	...	30.1
184	145	Kwik-Fit	154 †	- 1	...	3.2	17.7
573	356	Lex Service	359	- 2	...	4.7	15.7
282	162	Lookers	198 †	- 4	...	4.4	12.3
239	158	Lucas	196	- 2	...	4.5	...
29½	24	Malaya Grp	24 #	...	...	1.3	...
310	237	Pendragon	237 †	...	...	4.0	15.6
238	170	Perry Gp	170	- 1	...	5.2	9.2
216	153	Quick Group	154 †	...	...	4.3	16.2
234	161	Rolls-Royce	180½	- 1½	...	3.5	31.8
261	203	T & N	223½	+ 2½	...	6.1	19.5
373	363	Trinity Hldgs	322	- 7	...	2.5	23.2
221	163	Vardy (Reg)	165 †	- 1	...	3.5	15.6

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	294 †	...	...	2.6	21.0
345	320	Black (A&C)	343	...	...	4.9	14.6
402	213	Blenheim Gp	246	-11	...	5.3	9.1
413	365	Bristol	376	...	...	4.1	26.0
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1350	...	...	1.4	31.6
1484½	868½	Daily Mail 'A'	950	...	...	2.0	22.2
314	260	Dorling Kind	298	...	...	1.4	∞
6712½	5381½	Elsevier	6037½	- 7½	...	3.2	19.6
469	361½	EMAP	377 †	+ 2	...	2.9	23.4
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1805	...	...	2.8	31.8
196	32	Harrington K	55 †	...	...	6.1	∞
515	328	Haynes Pub	445 †	...	...	2.5	∞
406	340	Hodder H'line	350	...	...	1.9	36.7
180	120	Hume Courss	175 †	...	...	3.6	42.0
237	161	Intl Bus Comm	228 †	- 1	...	1.9	15.0
15	8	Int Cm & Data	10	...	...	...	...
340	273½	Independent	298 †	...	...	2.5	10.1
669	551	Johnstone Press	619 †	+ 2	...	1.5	22.7
110	43	MAID	59	...	...	...	...
492	338	Metal Bulletin	464 †	...	...	2.9	25.2
177½	131	Midland Ind	132 †	...	...	2.7	18.1
203	123	Mirror Gp	129 †	...	...	1.0	6.6
514½	382½	News Corp	404 †	...	...	0.3	26.1
314	234	News Intl	243 †	+ 3	...	0.7	12.9
735	552	Pearson	582 †	+ 7	...	2.9	20.0
760	654	Portsmth Sund	654	-21	...	2.0	16.2
964	722	Reed Int	766 †	+13	...	3.2	23.2
249	157	Southnews	229	...	...	1.6	30.0
200	143	Sterling Pub	149 †	...	...	3.0	12.7
632	323	Telegraph	330 †	- 4	...	4.9	11.6
885	695	Thomson Corp	735	...	30.1	5.1	36.7
472	394	Trinity Intl	401 †	- 2	...	3.1	19.5
45	18½	Unit Group	36	...	...	...	...
731	479	Utd Nwspapn	498	+ 7	...	5.5	11.8

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39½	26½	Aran Energy	35½	+ ½	...	...	21.5
53	35	Arcon Intl	46	...	...	...	...
74½	59	Ass Oil & Gas	66	+ 2½	...	...	...
67	43	Aviva Pet	46	...	...	...	...
9	6	Beverley	6½ #	...	...	...	64.6
249	197	Br Borneo	208 †	- 1	...	4.3	9.6
358	253	British Gas	298½	+ 8½	...	6.2	...
430	340	Br Petroleum	399½ †	+ 6½	...	2.9	21.9
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½ #	...	...	...	...
919	811	Burmah Castrl	848	+ 5	...	4.1	16.0
84	56	Cairn Energy	75	...	...	...	41.3
375	261	Calor Gp	274	- 2	...	5.8	12.9
51	33	Clyde Pet	40 †	...	...	1.1	...
30	13	Copiex Res	14	...	...	...	...
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½	...	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs	21	...	...	...	22.7
486	370	Enterprise	387 †	...	...	5.2	...
26½	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	5.4	9.2
8½	4½	Fortune	6½	...	...	...	...
77	54	Goal Pet	67	...	...	2.7	22.3
46	31	Gt Western Res	42	...	...	...	...
177	137	Hardy O & G	142	...	...	0.9	15.2
55	40	Kelt Energy	51	...	...	3.3	...
169	110½	Lasmo	153	+ 2	...	0.8	...
73	53	Lasmo Units	55 †	...	7.9	17.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	145	AG Holdings	146	- 1	...	4.5	12.2
444	367	APV	367	...	...	2.4	23.0
316	237	Arjo Wiggins	269 †	+ 4½	...	3.0	40.5
730	560	Abbott Mead	678	...	...	2.2	10.5
32	17	Aegis Gp	27	...	...	...	...
205	145	Aspen Coms	169 †	...	...	3.7	67.6
26	16	BBB Design	20	...	...	...	10.3
472	393	Bemrose	397 †	...	...	3.9	14.1
13½	6½	Birkdale	6½	...	...	...	...
186	139	Bunzl	172	+ 2	...	3.0	20.0
169	117	CIA Gp	129 †	- 1	...	1.6	22.5
198	129	Capital Inds	179	...	...	3.2	15.6
98	76	Cap of Lon	86	+ 1	...	6.4	13.1
430	304	Cropper (Jms)	319	...	...	1.4	16.0
114	95	Delyn Group	95	...	...	3.5	15.1
137	104	Dolphin Pack	122	...	...	4.6	15.7
53	20	Dudley Jenkns	50 †	...	...	5.9	15.5
17½	12	Elswick	17½	...	...	2.4	19.0
101	75	Fairway Group	91 †	...	...	4.7	17.0
430	334	Ferguson Intl	334	...	...	4.7	14.2
145	128	Ferns Pick	128 †	...	...	5.6	...
227	165	Filofax	207 †	...	...	1.1	20.5
17½	9	Fitch	12	...	...	...	...
149	132	Gibbon Lyons	139 †	...	...	3.6	15.0
225	171	Gold Greenlees	176 †	...	...	3.8	∞
34	23	Goodhead	30	...	...	0.2	∞
162	124	Interntrope	133	+ 4	...	7.7	∞
265½	246	Jarvis Porter	779	...	...	2.3	20.0
33	22	Loper	31	- 1	...	1.4	26.0
431	344	More O'Ferrall	369	...	...	4.5	21.1
425	330	Ocorra & Little	410	...	...	2.0	14.9
60	22	Oppno Comms	25	...	...	0.3	...
820	613	Portals	675	- 9	...	3.1	16.2
3	1½	Premier Hun	2	...	...	...	...
399	310	Quarto	360	...	...	2.9	16.0
412	317	St Ives Gp	317	- 1	...	2.3	22.2
176	127	Saatchi	155	...	...	...	30.2
902½	464½	Scapa	827½	-13½	...	3.4	16.8
30	16	Senif	16	...	...	...	...
77	30	Shandwick	49½	- 1	...	1.1	7.5
573	398	Smith David	526 †	- 2	...	2.6	23.5
479	286	Smurfit (Jeff)	409	- 5	...	1.4	58.0
110	84	Somic	94	- 1	...	3.7	9.0
254	132	Star-Plus	192 †	- 4	...	5.9	18.2
40	35	Taylor Nelson	39½	...	...	3.0	23.1
161	116	VTP	137	...	...	3.8	20.8
36	24	WMGO	25	...	...	2.6	12.0
129	83½	WPP	104	- 3	...	1.2	15.6
270	162	Waxe	230 †	- 5	...	2.2	16.7
291	209	Waddington (J)	222	...	...	4.5	10.9
511	365	Watmough	379 †	...	...	2.2	24.0
45	29	Whitney Mack	41	...	...	...	...
132	95	Wenbam	129	...	...	2.2	15.7

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	94	Allied Lon	96	- 1	...	5.1	∞
48	36	Arcadian	42	...	...	...	...
276	255	Argent	267	- 2	...	...	...
10½	3½	Ascot Hldgs	3½	...	...	...	...
144	109	Asda	116	...	...	2.4	20.6
191	115	Avonside	126 †	- 1	...	4.4	14.9
2875	2040½	BCE	2275	- 0½	...	...	...
302½	254	Bilton	254	...	...	4.7	18.5
106	72	Bourne End	69	- 2	...	1.4	...
176	138	Bradford	158	- 2	...	4.3	13.3
474	360	Br Land	390	- 1	...	2.4	34.2
137	121	Brightstone	121	...	...	1.9	27.2
226	179	Buxton	188	- 2	...	5.5	16.1
118	90½	Burford	92 †	- 1	...	3.3	29.8
112	101	CLS Hldgs	106	...	...	5.7	...
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl	134	- 1	...	1.2	60.7
239	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	195	- 1	...	4.2	46.9
325	226	Cardiff Prop	226	...	...	1.4	51.0
165	152	Chelfield	160	...	...	1.9	54.0
676	520	Chesterfield	520	...	...	2.9	23.3
112	95	Chesterton Intl	95	...	...	4.3	13.4
94	56	City Site Ests	62	...	...	...	...
12½	7½	Clarke Nickolls	7½	...	...	1.7	15.5
350	285	Compco	310	...	...	5.5	∞
56	32	Conrad Rtlai GS	32 †	...	...	2.0	28.0
1755	1355	Daejan	1355 †	-15	...	2.7	15.6
25½	5	Dares Estates	9	...	...	...	...
156	103	Debenham Twsn	110	- 2	...	10	17.8
17	6	De Morgan	7	...	...	...	...
189	161	Dentora	166	...	...	2.3	46.6
347½	258	Derwent Hldgs	258	...	...	2.2	23.0
41	21	Development Sec	22	...	...	0.6	...
51	45	Duyer	49	+ 1	...	...	...
460	275	Estates Agency	370 †	...	...	3.5	44.7
47	18	Estates Gen	29½	...	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	113	...	...	2.8	19.7
43	25½	Ex-Lands	25½	...	...	1.7	...
80	66	Fiscal Prop	66	- 4	...	...	...
37	24	Five Oaks	25	...	...	1.0	...
78	54	Fletcher King	54 †	...	...	3.5	26.8
536	407	Frogmore	440	- 4	...	5.0	∞
325	226	Grainger	257	- 1	...	2.6	45.9
203	174	Gt Portland	198	- 3	...	5.3	35.6
226½	119	Greycoat	119	-11	...	...	...
269	149	HK Land	157	- 1½	...	4.0	∞
94	43	Hambro Cntys	46	...	...	0.7	46.7
435	315	Hammerson	318	+ 2	...	4.0	31.5
398	348	Helical Bar	362	- 1	...	2.1	14.1
40½	29½	Hemingway	32½	...	...	1.5	59.6
78	37	Herring Baker	44	- 3	...	4.3	...
311½	136½	Jermyn	160 †	...	...	...	...
792	588	Land Sec	624	...	...	4.8	17.7
122	87	Lon Merch Sec	87	...	...	0.0	12.5
16	8½	Lon & Metro	9½	- ½	...	...	0.4
562	409	MEPC	444	- 1	...	5.6	25.5
13½	6	McInerney A	6	...	...	...	...
140	164	McKay Secs	181 †	...	...	3.6	17.9
95	59	Merivale Mre	75	...	...	3.3	11.7
55	27	Moorfield Est	32 †	...	...	3.9	...
1425	1200	Mountview	1200½	...	...	2.3	12.0
196	145	Mucklow (A&J)	145	...	...	5.5	∞
99	26	OEM	29	- 2	...	...	...
64	34	Olives Prop	34	...	...	...	12.7
191	148	PSIT	151 †	...	...	3.8	21.4
304	245	Peel	245 †	- 2	...	2.3	∞
162	150	Pillar Prop	151	+ 1	...	3.1	...
12½	4½	Power Corp	4½	...	...	...	...
9½	5	Premier Land	5½	...	...	...	...
53	32	Raglan	34 †	...	...	...	12.5
40	26½	Regalian	27	...	...	...	10.2
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	170	...	...	1.3	10.8
134	107	Rugby Est	107 †	- 2	...	2.6	...
64	45	St Modwen Prp	51½	...	...	2.9	12.8
78	59	Saville Grdn Ut	60 †	...	...	5.6	∞
100	71	Savills	71	...	...	4.0	∞
108	82	Scot Met	86	...	...	2.3	...
135	101	Shaftesbury	101	...	...	...	...
17½	6	Shield	6	...	...	...	4.2
307	221	Slough Estates	234 †	- 1	...	4.3	50.0
103	58	Southend Prop	58 †	...	...	5.2	...
50	21	Stanhope Prps	21	- 1	...	...	...
39	34	TBI	39	...	...	...	1.9
244	172	Tops Ests	172 †	- 5	...	1.6	41.0
163	119	Town Centre	119	...	...	3.7	21.5
107	91	Trafford Park	94	...	...	4.3	∞
56	28	UK Land	47	...	...	...	...
317	220	Warner	221 †	...	...	6.3	21.3
260	218	Warnford	228 †	- 2	...	4.2	16.8
1	½	Waterglade	2	...	...	...	...
103½	63	Wates	64	...	...	...	...
105	69	Wood John D	69	- 1	...	3.6	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic	37	...	...	...	...
173	163	Chamb Phipps	164	...	...	5.6	21.5
202½	140	Lambert	140 †	...	...	6.1	13.2
75	53	Pittards	69	...	...	3.2	...
26	19	Strong & Fisher	25	...	...	5.4	15.7
272	227	Stylo	259 †	- 5	...	1.9	24.9
69	50½	Utd Safety	53	...	...	6.3	12.5

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	488	Allied Text	496 †	...	...	3.3	15.2
71	51	Beckman (A)	51	...	...	6.8	10.9
39	15½	Bolton Gp	17	...	...	...	...
226	171	Br Mohair	197 †	...	...	5.4	20.2
385	292	Claremont Ga	300 †	...	...	3.1	16.7
593	451	Courtauld Txt	466 †	- 5	...	3.9	18.5
159½	119	Dawson	131	...	...	2.9	...
42	28	Drummond	29	...	...	...	12.9
80	72	Faupel	77	...	...	8.0	13.0
29	16	Foster (John)	18	...	...	...	...
168	113	Gaskell	147 †	...	...	3.6	...
33	25½	Helene Plc	27	...	...	9.3	11.1
260	222	Hicking Pntcst	242	...	...	2.4	17.1
73	55	Jerome (S)	64	- 1	...	1.6	23.1
485	350	Lamont	351	...	...	4.5	13.4
340	265	Leeds	279	...	...	2.7	14.2
101	68	Lyles (S)	84	...	...	5.4	∞
266	176	Parkland	178	...	...	3.5	10.6
112	79	Readicut	79½	...	...	5.4	13.6
70	47	SEET	48	...	...	...	...
146	100	Sirdar	103	- 2	...	6.6	∞
64	50	Stirling Gp	59 †	...	...	4.0	16.3
46	35	Stoddard	34	...	...	5.9	12.8
330	215	Tomkinsons	215	...	...	6.7	20.2
49	34	West Trust	35 †	...	...	6.9	24.5
289	238	Yorklyde	275	...	...	2.7	13.3

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
530	372	BAT	436½	+14½	...	5.9	11.4
499	337	Rothmans	381	-12	...	4.3	20.3

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
317	228	Assoc Br Ports	265 †	- 1	...	2.5	21.1
541½	440	BAA	447	-13	...	2.3	20.7
128	103½	Badgerline	125	+ 5	...	4.1	...
490½	344	Br Airways	361	+17	...	3.8	11.3
106	75	Clarkson (H)	92	...	...	2.4	22.0
592½	246	Eurotunnel Uts	259	+ 1	...	...	...
87	50	Fisher (James)	50	...	...	...	...
155	126½	Isle Steam	130 †	...	...	4.2	9.9
63	39	Jacobs (JI)	56 †	+ 1	...	3.7	...
111	90	Lon D'Seas Frs	90 †	...	...	5.3	2.1
534	380	Mersey Docks	398 †	- 7	...	3.0	19.3
347	245	Natl Express	316 †	- 1	...	3.0	18.4
291	157	NFC	161 †	+ 5	...	4.9	27.6
349	246	Ocean Group	256 †	+ 3	...	7.0	12.9
91	56	Ocean Wilson	73	...	...	5.5	9.4
743	597	P & O Dfd	624 †	+ 6	...	6.1	19.3
195	153	P & O 5.5%	153	...	...	3.6	...
705	520	Powell Duffryn	563	+ 5	...	5.2	16.0
102	84	Seacon	96 †	...	...	3.0	21.6
210	156	Stagecoach	209 †	...	...	2.5	31.8
131	89½	TNT	111	...	...	...	...
913	705	Tibbet & Britn	705	- 8	...	2.6	17.9
29	27	Tiphook	27	+ 2	...	...	...
227	202	TDG	202 †	...	...	5.9	13.6
136	98	Ugland	135 †	...	...	0.7	∞
160	95	Utd Carriers	101 †	...	...	2.0	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	546½	- 2	...	5.2	14.2
365	290	Mid Kent Hdgs	330	...	...	4.4	11.3
751	506	Northumbrian	698 †	+ 1	...	4.5	7.2
611	465	North West	551 †	- 1	...	5.2	8.5
645	455	Severn Trent	547 †	- 4	...	5.2	7.7
682	466	Southern	574 †	- 5	...	5.0	8.3
1740	1525	South Staffs	1740	...	...	3.7	11.5
675	494	South West	527	- ½	...	6.0	7.8
611	434½	Thames	507	- 2½	...	5.5	8.7
744	546	Welsh	643 †	+ 5	...	4.9	7.1
750	551	Wessex	606 †	- 5	...	4.9	8.0
630	454	Yorkshire	524 †	- 5	...	5.4	7.7

Source: Finstat

■ USM. # Price at suspension. † Ex dividend. ‡ Ex scrip. ¶ Ex rights issue. ‡ Ex all. § Ex capital distribution.

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103¾	100⅞	Treas 9% 1994	100⅞	...	8.96	5.45
107⅞	101⅞	Treas 12% 1995	101⅞	- ⅛	11.77	5.80
98⅝	97½	Gas 3% 1990-95	98⅝	- ⅛	3.05	5.78
107⅞	102⅝	Exch 10¼% 1995	102⅞	...	9.98	6.86
117⅝	105⅞	Treas 12¾% 1995	106	...	12.03	7.04
117⅞	108	Treas 14% 1996	108	...	12.96	7.40
121⅞	111½	Treas 15¼% 1996	111½	- ⅛	13.71	7.65
117⅝	108⅝	Exch 13¼% 1996	108⅝	...	12.25	7.74
112⅞	103⅞	Conv 10% 1996	103⅞	...	9.68	8.00
121⅞	110⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	110⅞	...	11.98	8.12
114⅞	104⅞	Exch 10½% 1997	104⅞	- ⅛	10.01	8.17
110⅞	100⅞	Treas 8¾% 1997	101⅞	...	8.66	8.36
131⅞	116⅞	Exch 15% 1997	117⅞	...	12.79	8.52
114⅞	102⅞	Exch 9¾% 1998	102⅞	- ⅛	9.44	8.56
106⅞	95⅞	Treas 7¼% 1998	96⅞	...	7.53	8.54
102	93⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	94⅞	+ ⅛	7.13	8.54
131⅞	115⅞	Treas 14% 1998-01	116⅞	+ ⅛	12.07	8.74
140⅞	122⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	122⅞	- ⅛	12.62	8.62
125⅞	110⅞	Exch 12% 1998	110⅞	- ⅛	10.82	8.79
116⅞	101⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	102⅞	+ ⅛	9.25	8.73
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
101⅞	88⅞	Treas 6% 1999	89⅞	+ ⅛	6.69	8.64
128⅞	111⅞	Exch 12¼% 1999	112⅞	- ⅛	10.90	8.84
121⅞	105⅞	Treas 10½% 1999	106⅞	...	9.88	8.80
121⅞	104⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	105⅞	+ ⅛	9.70	8.84
116⅞	99⅞	Conv 9% 2000	100⅞	+ ⅛	8.92	8.78
136⅞	116⅞	Treas 13% 2000	117⅞	+ ⅛	11.04	8.96
106⅞	89⅞	Treas 7% 2001	90⅞	+ ⅛	7.74	8.83
122⅞	103⅞	Treas 10% 2001	104⅞	+ ⅛	9.54	8.97
129⅞	102⅞	Treas 9¾% 2002	103⅞	+ ⅛	9.38	9.01
113⅞	92⅞	Treas 8% 2003	94⅞	...	8.46	8.89
127⅞	106⅞	Treas 10% 2003	106⅞	+ ⅛	9.42	8.96
129⅞	109⅞	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111⅞	+ ⅛	10.33	9.20
89⅞	69⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	71⅞	+ ⅛	4.90	7.72
105⅞	84⅞	Treas 6¾% 2004	86⅞	+ ⅛	7.82	8.80
125⅞	101⅞	Conv 9½% 2004	103⅞	+ ⅛	9.15	8.91
125⅞	102⅞	Conv 9½% 2005	104⅞	+ ⅛	9.12	8.88
143⅞	118⅞	Treas 12½% 2003-05	120⅞	+ ⅛	10.41	9.19
111⅞	91⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	93⅞	+ ⅛	8.54	8.87
112⅞	90⅞	Treas 7¾% 2006	92⅞	+ ⅛	8.40	8.80
136⅞	112⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	114⅞	+ ⅛	10.26	9.20
119⅞	95⅞	Treas 8½% 2007	97⅞	+ ⅛	8.70	8.79
151⅞	124⅞	Treas 13½% 2004-08	126⅞	+ ⅛	10.68	9.19
124⅞	99⅞	Treas 9% 2008	101⅞	+ ⅛	8.84	8.77
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
115⅞	91⅞	Treas 8% 2009	93⅞	+ ⅛	8.53	8.75
126⅞	100⅞	Conv 9% 2011	102⅞	- ⅛	8.79	8.71
127⅞	100⅞	Treas 9% 2012	102⅞	+ ⅛	8.77	8.69
93⅞	71⅞	Treas 5½% 2008-12	72⅞	+ ⅛	7.54	8.42
114⅞	89⅞	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	91⅞	- ⅛	8.50	8.63
117⅞	92	Treas 8% 2013	94⅞	- ⅛	8.50	8.60
159⅞	126⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	128⅞	+ ⅛	9.32	8.84
128⅞	99⅞	Treas 8¾% 2017	101⅞	- ⅛	8.64	8.61
		UNDATED				
54⅞	39⅞	War Ln 3½%	40⅞	+ ⅛	8.62	...
37⅞	27⅞	Treas 2½%	29	- ⅛	8.62	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
203⅞	197⅞	Treas IL 2% 1996	198⅞	...	2.92	4.24
113⅞	106⅞	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107 †	...	2.80	3.70
176⅞	163⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165⅞	+ ⅛	3.39	3.81
173⅞	159⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161⅞	+ ⅛	3.49	3.83
118⅞	107⅞	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	108⅞	+ ⅛	3.48	3.80
184⅞	165⅞	Treas IL 2% 2006	167⅞	+ ⅛	3.59	3.80
168⅞	149⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152⅞	+ ⅛	3.62	3.84
175⅞	154⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157⅞	+ ⅛	3.65	3.85
146⅞	126⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129⅞	+ ⅛	3.67	3.84
157⅞	134⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137⅞	+ ⅛	3.71	3.88
152⅞	128⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131⅞	+ ⅛	3.74	3.88
129⅞	106⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109⅞	+ ⅛	3.73	3.86
128⅞	105⅞	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108⅞	+ ⅛	3.77	3.90

British hopefuls have luck of the draw in Longchamp showpiece

King's Theatre to take centre stage

FROM RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT
IN PARIS

FIRST, the good news. The faithful French retainer or trusty equipment which in recent times has provided British-trained horses with the worst draw for the most important horse race in Europe has slipped up badly this year — or been replaced.

When the stall numbers were allocated yesterday to the 20 runners for tomorrow's Forte Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe the middle distance blue-bloods from Newmarket and Manton for once found themselves with a perfect berth, rather than being hemmed against Longchamp's boundary fence with a view over the riskier parts of the Bois de Boulogne.

According to Longchamp and Arc folklore, the best starting location for horses is between stall four, just off the stands' rail, and the middle of the track. Anything beyond stall 12 makes the task of runner and rider all the more difficult as they are forced to stay on the wide outside for much of the 12-furlong trip. So imagine the joy of Messrs Cecil, Cumani and Chapple-Hyam yesterday as King's Theatre, Only Royale and White Muzzle were given stalls five, seven and nine respectively. Even Michael Stoute will not be complaining with Ezzoud in stall three. Perhaps, most important of all given his front-running style, Broadway Flyer will be coming out of stall six and can provide the perfect lead for his British rivals.

Add to the luck of the draw the warm sunshine, which was starting to dry out the ground at the Paris track, described officially as soft, and the omens seemed almost too good to be true. Even the bookmakers began to be convinced with Ladbrokes making White Muzzle their 11-2 favourite, just ahead of Only Royale and King's Theatre on 6-1.

Yet history, not to mention the recent rash of shock group one results in England, tells us to beware. Since the Arc was first run in 1920 there have been only eight British-trained winners. Out of 12 British-trained favourites for Europe's middle-distance championship only the magnificent Mill Reef (1971) and Dancing Brave (1986) have obliged.

However, this does not appear to be a vintage Arc, graced by the usual array of dazzling French horses trained with the race in mind. Moonax, the St Leger winner, was deliberately withdrawn yesterday to ensure that Richard Of York, also owned by Shaikh Mohammed, made the cut. The decision is a hint in itself although the Prix Foy winner is hardly helped by coming out of stall 17. Nevertheless, the lightly-raced son of Rainbow Quest is open to improvement after beating his Andre Fabre-trained stable companion, Intrepidity.

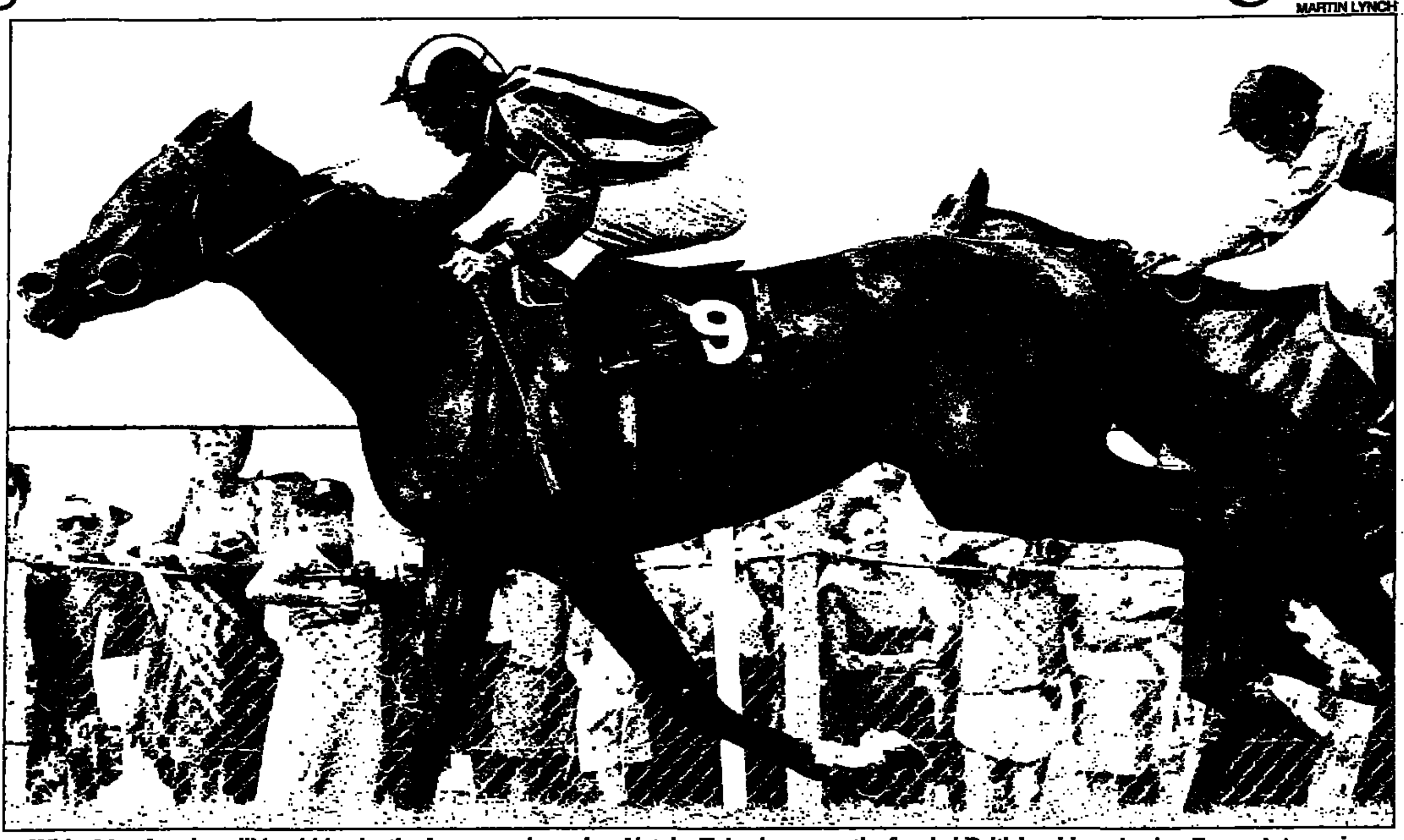
Fabre has four runners in all as he seeks his third Arc success and Carnegie makes the most appeal. He showed a decisive turn of foot when winning the Prix Niel here three weeks ago and his dam, Detroit, won this race in 1980.

Millkom, trained in the French provinces by Jean-Claude Rouget, has defied all breeding criteria. Despite having parents who were both sprinters, he remains unbeaten after ten races, including the last two over ten furlongs. But, having seen his most recent win, I shall be surprised if he sees out this extra distance.

After vowing all week not to tip a British horse, the luck of the draw and the way the race may unfurl could swing the Arc in our favour.

Provided Broadway Flyer sets his usual strong gallop, I believe the race lies between King's Theatre, Only Royale and Carnegie. White Muzzle does not possess a quick turn of foot and has to come with one long, steady run. The possibility of interference and the relative inexperience of his Japanese jockey does not inspire confidence.

During a conversation with Henry Cecil at the Newmarket sales this week, the ten-times champion trainer insisted his King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes winner has never been better. With Mick Kinane, Europe's top jockey, riding and memories of how **King's Theatre** overcame trouble to win at Ascot, he is marginally preferred.


MARTIN LYNCH

White Muzzle, who will be ridden by the Japanese champion, Yutaka Take, is among the fancied British raiders chasing Europe's top prize

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ERTLON
(2.20 Newmarket)

Next best: Nafta
(4.45 Newmarket)

BIG RACE [illegible]

3.50 FORTE PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE
(Group I: £457,666: 1m 4f) (20 runners)

1 (1) -421143 APPLE TREE 21 (C,D,F,G,S) (Sultan Al Kabeer) A Fabre 5-9-4 ... T Jarnet 98
(ch h Bikala - Pomme Rose) (White, blue diamonds and armlet, white cap)
2 (3) -632101 EZZOUD 47 (V,F,G,S) (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute (GB) 4-9-4 ... W R Swinburn 98
(b h Last Tycoon - Royal Sister II) (Royal blue, white chevron, light blue cap)
3 (17) 11/151 RICHARD OF YORK 21 (CD,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) A Fabre 4-9-4 S Guillot 94
(b c Rainbow Quest - Triple First) (Maroon, white sleeves, maroon cap, white star)
4 (20) 1-1451 LANDO 28 (D,F,G) (Gestut Fahrhof Ittlingen) H Jentzsch (Ger) 4-9-4 ... M Boutin 97
(b c Acatenango - Laurea) (White, bright red stripe, sleeves and cap)
5 (10) 2100-14 HERNANDO 21 (CD,F,G,S) (S Niarchos) F Boutin 4-9-4 ... C Asmussen 98
(b c Niniski - Whakilyric) (Dark blue, light blue crossbelts, striped sleeves, white cap)
6 (11) 1-25365 VERT AMANDE 28 (CD,G,S) (E Sarasola) E Lellouche 6-9-4 ... D Boeuf 98
(ch h Kenmare - Lady Berry) (Yellow, green epaulets, yellow sleeves and cap)
7 (15) 324651 BIG TOBIN 21 (D,G) (Sc Lady Costanza) L Camici (It) 5-9-4 ... M Pasquale 93
(b h Big Reef - Dawng Tobin) (Yellow, light blue crossbelts, red sleeves, yellow cap)
8 (14) 102-111 MUCH BETTER 55 (D,F,G) (RH Stable) J Maciel (Bra) 5-9-4 ... J Ricardo
(b h Baynoun - Charming Doll) (Crimson, blue armlets, blue collar and cap)
9 (9) 520-521 WHITE MUZZLE 35 (D,F,G,S) (T Yoshida) P Chapple-Hyam (GB) 4-9-4 Y Take 98
(b c Dancing Brave - Fair Of The Furze) (Black and yellow stripes, red sleeves)
10 (8) 140-302 INTREPIDITY 21 (CD,F,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) A Fabre 4-9-1 ... Pat Eddery 94
(b f Sadler's Wells - Intrepid Lady) (Maroon, white sleeves, maroon cap, white star)
11 (7) 154-001 ONLY ROYALE 46 (CD,F,G,S) (G Sarnaghi) L Cumani (GB) 5-9-1 ... L Dettori 98
(b m Caerleon - Etoile De Paris) (Black and orange check, striped sleeves)
12 (4) 0-41412 BRIGHT MOON 35 (B,D,G,S) (D Wildenstein) A Fabre 4-9-1 ... O Peslier 98
(ch f Alysheba - Bonshamile) (Dark blue, light blue cap)
13 (18) 301-050 DANCIENNE 58 (CD,S) (H Yokoyama) E Lellouche 4-9-1 ... Y Okabe 93
(b f Groom Dancer - Tenniene) (Blue, red stars, red sleeves and cap)
14 (2) -125111 CARNEGIE 21 (CD,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) A Fabre 3-8-11 ... T Jarnet 98
(b c Sadler's Wells - Detroit) (Maroon, white sleeves, maroon cap, white star)
15 (5) 042213 KING'S THEATRE 47 (D,F,G,S) (S'h Mohammed) H Cecil (GB) 3-8-11 M Kinane 98
(b c Sadler's Wells - Regal Beauty) (Maroon, white sleeves, maroon cap, white star)
16 (6) -110132 BROADWAY FLYER 22 (D,F,G,S) (Sultan Al Kabeer) J Hills (GB) 3-8-11 M Hills 93
(b c Theatrical - Serena) (White, blue diamonds and armlet, white cap)
17 (13) 1-41134 CELTIC ARMS 21 (C,D,G,S) (J-L Bouchard) P Bary 3-8-11 ... G Mosse 91
(b c Comrade In Arms - Amour Celtique) (Dark green, pink cap)
18 (12) -111111 MILLKOM 14 (C,F,G,S) (J Gour) J-C Rouget 3-8-11 ... J-R Dubosc
(b c Cyrano De Bergerac - Good Game) (red, white triple diamonds, white sleeves, red cap with white diamond)
19 (16) 1-05411 SIERRA MADRE 21 (CD,S) (J-L Bouchard) P Bary 3-8-8 ... F Head 97
(ro f Baillamont - Marie D'Irlande) (Dark green, pink cap)
20 (19) -241624 TRULY A DREAM 21 (D,S) (R Strauss) R Collet 3-8-8 ... G Guignard 96
(b f Darshaan - Truly Special) (White and green hoops, white sleeves, green armlets, green and white hooped cap)

□ Runners in the same ownership will be distinguished by differently coloured sashes on the body. However, the colour to be carried by each horse is the decision of the racecourse and will be made today.

BETTING: Coral: 6-1 Only Royale, White Muzzle, 7-1 King's Theatre, Carnegie, 8-1 Intrepidity, 14-1 Hernando, Millkom, 16-1 Apple Tree, 16-1 Richard Of York, 20-1 Celtic Arms, Sierra Madre, 22-1 Ezzoud, Bright Moon, 25-1 Broadway Flyer, 40-1 Lando, Vert Amande, 66-1 Truly A Dream, 100-1 Dancienne, Big Tobin, Much Better.

Hills: 11-2 Only Royale, White Muzzle, 7-1 King's Theatre, 8-1 Intrepidity, 9-1 Carnegie, 12-1 Hernando, 14-1 Apple Tree, Millkom, 16-1 Celtic Arms, Richard Of York, 20-1 Broadway Flyer, Ezzoud, Bright Moon, 25-1 Sierra Madre, 33-1 Lando, 50-1 Vert Amande, 100-1 Dancienne, Truly A Dream, 150-1 Big Tobin, Much Better.

Ladbrokes: 11-2 White Muzzle, 6-1 Only Royale, King's Theatre, 9-1 Intrepidity, Carnegie, 12-1 Hernando, 14-1 Bright Moon, Millkom, 16-1 Apple Tree, Richard Of York, 20-1 Broadway Flyer, Celtic Arms, Ezzoud, Sierra Madre, 40-1 Lando, 66-1 Truly A Dream, Vert Amande, 100-1 Dancienne, Much Better, 150-1 Big Tobin.

Sporting Index: 11-2 Only Royale, White Muzzle, 7-1 King's Theatre, 9-1 Carnegie, 10-1 Intrepidity, 14-1 Hernando, Millkom, 16-1 Richard Of York, 20-1 Celtic Arms, Ezzoud, Sierra Madre, 25-1 Apple Tree, Bright Moon, 33-1 Lando, 50-1 Truly A Dream, Vert Amande, 66-1 Dancienne, 100-1 Big Tobin, Much Better.

1993: URBAN SEA 4-9-1 E Saint-Martin J Lesbordes 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

EZZOUD beat Mubtaram neck in 8-runner group I *International Stakes at York (1m 2f 85yd, good to firm)* with KING'S THEATRE 3l 3rd. RICHARD OF YORK beat INTREPIDITY neck in 5-runner group III Prix Foy over course and distance (very soft) with APPLE TREE ¾l 3rd and HERNANDO 4l 4th. LANDO beat Monsun 2l in 7-runner group I Grosser Preis von Baden at Baden-Baden (1m 4f, good) with VERT AMANDE 10¾l 5th.

HERNANDO beat Triarius 1l in 10-runner group III Prix Gontaut-Biron at Deauville (1m 2f, soft) on penultimate start with RICHARD OF YORK 3l 5th and BIG TOBIN (2lb better off) neck 6th. BIG TOBIN beat Mr Richard 7l in 5-runner conditions race at Capannelle (1m 4f, good).

MUCH BETTER beat Vorrago 2¼l in grade I Grande Premio Brasil at Gavea, Rio de Janeiro (1m 4f, firm). WHITE MUZZLE beat BRIGHT MOON (6lb better off) 2½l in 7-runner group II Grand Prix de Deauville Lancel (1m 4f 110yd, soft) with BIG TOBIN 5½l 5th. ONLY ROYALE beat Dancing Bloom 6l in 7-runner group I Yorkshire Oaks at York (1m 4f, good to firm).

BRIGHT MOON beat Wandesta 2½l in group II Prix de Pomone at Deauville (1m 5f 110yd, good) on penultimate start with DANCIENNE (4lb worse off) 10¾l last. BROADWAY FLYER 1¾l 2nd of 8 to Moonax in group I St Leger at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good). CARNEGIE beat Northern Spur 1½l in 10-runner group II Prix Niel over course and distance (heavy) with CELTIC ARMS 1¾l 4th. KING'S THEATRE beat WHITE MUZZLE 1¾l in 12-runner King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start with APPLE TREE 3½l 4th and EZZOUD unseated rider start.

MILLKOM beat Volochine head in 8-runner group II Prix du Prince d'Orange here (1m 2f, soft). SIERRA MADRE beat Yenda 1¾l in 9-runner group I Prix Vermeille over course and distance (heavy) with TRULY A DREAM 1¾l 4th.

Selection: WHITE MUZZLE

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2.15: The John Oxx-trained Rayseka, who was second in this race last year, is the form choice following a good second to Melbourne Cup-bound Vintage Crop in the Irish St Leger two weeks ago. She will be suited by soft ground but could be hindered by the step back in trip.

Royal Ballerina was runner-up in two classics last year but has not quite matched that form this season. Luca Cumani had Kithanga entered for this but has opted to run the lightly-raced **Noble Rose**. Her defeat of Yenda at York in August was enhanced when the runner-up followed home Sierra Madre in one of the Arc trials here last month.

2.45: Julie Cecil's Alderbrook will come into his own if the ground remains soft, but I must side with **Volochine**, who held an Arc entry. He finished fast and late here behind the unbeaten Millkom a fortnight ago. François Boutin's representative, Jeune Homme, is best on good or faster ground.

3.15: With only four runners, this is a most disappointing affair. Montjoy, who finished second at Goodwood to Eltish, the subsequent Royal Lodge winner, carries British hopes and victory would enhance his chances of becoming Paul Cole's Derby horse next year. However, **Indian Jones** must be the choice after *winning by four lengths from* Goldmark, who reopposes, at Longchamp recently. His front-running style should be suited to this small field.

4.20: With Luca Cumani's front-running Captain Jack in the field, this looks sure to be a severe test of stamina. The main local hope, Molesnes, is a classy performer on her day and has prevailed twice in small fields this season, beating Epaphos on both occasions. The Dick Hern-trained Cuff Link should relish this trip but was disappointing in the Doncaster Cup and another British raider, **Safety In Numbers**, is a speculative choice. The Lady Herries-trained stayer returned to form when winning the Prix Gladiateur earlier this month, and the secret of his success was almost certainly the necessary give in the ground. The Slip Anchor gelding made all the running that day but does equally well coming from behind.



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

TOMORROW

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2.30: Criquette Head's **Green Tune** seems to have excellent prospects. The winner of a group one race here in the spring, the Green Dancer colt was subsequently a respectable fourth to Grand Lodge in the *St James's Palace Stakes* at Royal Ascot when Royal Abjar finished seventh. After a three-month lay-off, the selection then went and ran his best race when third to Ski Paradise and East Of The Moon in the Prix du Moulin — Signe Divin was last. Missed Flight, trained by Chris Wall, is suited by soft ground but looks to be outclassed and Firm Friend appears to be a bigger threat.

3.05: I would love to see Lochsong win but she must be opposed from a betting standpoint given her antics at Newmarket and York, a recent bout of coughing and her *likely cramped odds. Tropical* hacked up in a group three sprint at Leopardstown, but I am keen on Jason Weaver's mount, **Lavinia Fontana**, who is my Longchamp nap.

She was most impressive when winning the group one Haydock Sprint Cup by 3½ lengths in a fast time. Admittedly, that was over a furlong further but she had sufficient speed to be in front a long way from home and, provided she has her soft ground, John Dunlop's sprinter looks good value.

3.45: See above

RICHARD EVANS



Weaver: winning chance on Lavinia Fontana

Celtic Arms favoured by statistics

BY JACK WATERMAN

WITH five English runners, as well as those from Germany, Italy and Brazil opposing the home team, tomorrow's Forte Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe certainly lives up to its reputation as an international contest.

The race was conceived in 1920, and the first winner, Comrade, was Newmarket trained. Since then, there have been only seven more English successes, most recently Carroll House in 1989. The weight *of victories rests with the* French: 53 against only 19 from other countries. The figures also prove what a hard task the English have: winners apart, we have had, since the war, 15 placed horses and 123 unplaced.

Aside from nationality, an equally telling statistic concerns the ages of winners. There have been 42 aged three (from 57 per cent of runners); 23 aged four (from 30 per cent of the total fields): and seven older horses (from the remaining 13 per cent).

Other perspectives on the race are afforded by:

FORM: The traditional Arc trials are often misleading but the most reliable is the Prix Vermeille, won this year in very soft going by Sierra Madre and in 1993 by Intrepidity (previous Arc successes: Three Troikas, San San).

Concerning the St Leger, Broadway Flyer will be attempting to emulate Alleged who took the race after being runner-up at Doncaster in 1977. As for White Muzzle, Nuccio, Allez France and Tony Bin captured the Arc after being second the season before; but, since 1950, ten previous runners-up have failed at the next attempt.

The French Derby, meanwhile, won this year by Celtic Arms, provides good pointers. *Since 1950, this race has* contributed six Arc victors from its first three, and a further 11 places.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery has ridden four winners and will be attempting a record five triumphs on Intrepidity.

OWNERS: Shaikh Mohammed makes his most formidable multiple challenge so far: of his 11 runners in the past decade, the nearest has been Opera House, third last year.

BETTING: English-trained horses dominate the betting, but beware. Since 1966, when Aunt Edith was favourite, 12 horses from this country have been first market choice. Only two, Mill Reef and Dancing Brave, *were first past the post.*

In conclusion, **Celtic Arms** is taken to beat Intrepidity and Sierra Madre.

LONGCHAMP TODAY

GOING: SOFT DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.15 PRIX DE ROYALLIEU
(Group II: fillies and mares: £34,325: 1m 4f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 (9) 1112-42 RAYSEKA 14 (G) (Aga Khan) J Oxx (Ire) 4-9-0 ... J P Murtagh
2 (1) 105251 ROYAL BALLERINA 20 (G,S) (M Haga) M Kauntze (Ire) 4-9-0 ... Y Take
3 (10) 432130 SOLARTICA 24 (F,G) (B Nielsen) R Hannon (GB) 4-9-0 ... T Quinn
4 (7) 0-50231 DANCING BLOOM 14 (G,S) (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute (GB) 4-9-0 ... C Asmussen
5 (3) -2151 ANCARA 17 (G,S) (K Abdulla) A Fabre 3-8-8 ... Pat Eddery
6 (8) 41221 DALARA 27 (G) (Aga Khan) A de Royer-Dupre 3-8-8 ... G Mosse
7 (5) 1-6162 YOUM JADEED 27 (S) (M Al-Maktoum) C Laffon-Parias 3-8-8 ... F Head
8 (2) 021-21 NOBLE ROSE 44 (F,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani (GB) 3-8-8 ... J Weaver
9 (4) 132-480 PAPAGO 27 (S) (Shaikh Mohammed) A Fabre 3-8-8 ... T Jarnet
10 (6) 452003 SUNRISE SONG 27 (G) (J Perceval) F Doumen 3-8-8 ... W Mongil
11 (11) 626011 BALLYKETT NANCY 25 (F,G) (Exors of N Keating) J Bolger (Ire) 3-8-8 ... J Heffernan

BETTING: 2-1 Dalara and Rayseka (coupled), 3-1 Noble Rose and Papago (coupled), 9-2 Ancara, 6-1 Royal Ballerina, 7-1 Dancing Bloom, 10-1 Sunrise Song, 14-1 Ballykett Nancy, Youm Jadeed, 33-1 Solartica.

2.45 PRIX DOLLAR (Group II: £34,325: 1m 1f 165yd) (6 runners)

1 (5) 214-221 JEUNE HOMME 78 (F,G,S) (Y Azakawa) F Boutin 4-9-0 ... Y Take
2 (1) 30-5361 MISTLE CAT 14 (G,S) (P Chu) S Woods (GB) 4-9-0 ... W Woods
3 (3) 44640-3 FRENCHPARK 13 (G,S) (P Cozzi) P Bary 4-9-0 ... G Mosse
4 (2) 0-11641 ALDERBROOK 22 (G,S) (E Pick) Mrs J Cecil (GB) 5-9-0 ... Paul Eddery
5 (6) 104000 DIODEME 13 (S) (Mme C Ribbe) E de Saint-Phalle 4-9-0 ... O Peslier
6 (4) 201312 VOLOCHINE 13 (G,S) (R Strauss) R Collet 3-8-10 ... C Asmussen

BETTING: 5-4 Volochine, 9-4 Alderbrook, 3-1 Jeune Homme, 6-1 Mistle Cat, 20-1 Frenchpark, 33-1 Diodeme.

3.15 GRAND CRITERIUM
(Group I: 2-Y-O: £114,416: 1m) (4 runners)

1 (3) 12 GOLDMARK 13 (G) (Shaikh Mohammed) A Fabre 8-11 ... S Guillot
2 (1) 21 WALK ON MIX 12 (S) (J-L Lagardere) A Fabre 8-11 ... T Jarnet
3 (4) 3122 MONTJOY 20 (F) (Sir G Meyrick) P Cole (GB) 8-11 ... T Quinn
4 (2) 411 INDIAN JONES 13 (S) (Baron E de Rothschild) F Boutin 8-11 ... C Asmussen

BETTING: 5-4 Indian Jones, 7-4 Montjoy, 11-4 Goldmark, 7-2 Walk On Mix.

4.20 PRIX DU CADRAN
(Group I: £57,208: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

1 (4) 04-1162 ALWAYS EARNEST 25 (S) (Mme C Bourg) Mme M Bollack-Badel 6-9-2 ... A Badel
2 (8) 211011 CAPTAIN JACK 33 (F,G) (Lord Carnarvon) L Cumani (GB) 4-9-2 ... J Weaver
3 (2) 105431 SAFETY IN NUMBERS 25 (G,S) (E Cohen) Lady Herries (GB) 4-9-2 ... T Ives
4 (3) 212111 SPECIAL PRICE 55 (G,S) (Ecurie Namour) G Mikhalides 5-9-2 ... O Doleuze
5 (1) 11-4160 PINOT 95 (G,S) (Stall Hoppegarten) B Schutz (Ger) 4-9-2 ... G Guignard
6 (7) 422226 EPAPHOS 25 (F) (E Wanke) P Bary 4-9-2 ... C Asmussen
7 (5) 101025 CUFF LINK 23 (F) (Lord Weinstock) W Hern (GB) 4-9-2 ... Paul Eddery
8 (6) 021431 MOLESNES 41 (S) (M Parrot) M Rolland 4-8-13 ... O Peslier

BETTING: 7-4 Molesnes, 7-2 Safety In Numbers, 11-2 Cuff Link, 13-2 Always Earnest, 7-1 Captain Jack, 8-1 Epaphos, 10-1 Special Price, 16-1 Pinot

LONGCHAMP TOMORROW

GOING: SOFT DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 PRIX DU ROND-POINT RANGE ROVER
(Group II: £45,767: 1m) (10 runners)

1 (1) 35-1143 GREEN TUNE 28 (G,S) (J Wertheimer) Mme C Head 3-9-2 ... O Doleuze
2 (10) 1116101 ROYAL ABJAR 33 (G,S) (J Abdullah) A Wohler (Ger) 3-9-0 ... W R Swinburn
3 (3) 30-0130 MISSED FLIGHT 110 (S) (W Gredmuller) C Wall (GB) 4-9-0 ... G Duffield
4 (5) 216610/ ZOMAN 701 (F,G,S) (F Salman) P Cole (GB) 7-9-0 ... T Quinn
5 (4) 12-125 LAS MENINAS 109 (G) (R Sangster) T Stack (IRE) 3-8-13 ... J Reid
6 (7) 11-1624 FADEYEV 36 (S) (M Al-Maktoum) A Fabre 3-8-12 ... T Jarnet
7 (6) 0-34132 NEC PLUS ULTRA 14 (G,S) (Marquesa de Moratalla) A de Royer-Dupre 3-8-12 W Mongil
8 (2) 205140 SIGNE DIVIN 28 (G,S) (P de Moussac) A Fabre 3-8-12 ... S Guillot
9 (8) 6-13000 PSYCHOBABBLE 46 (F,S) (S Niarchos) F Boutin 3-8-12 ... C Asmussen
10 (9) 60-3403 FIRM FRIEND 14 (G,S) (M Lagasse) D Smaga 4-8-11 ... F Head

BETTING: 6-4 Green Tune, 11-4 Las Meninas, 9-2 Royal Abjar, 10-1 Psychobabble, 12-1 Fadeyev, 14-1 Signe Divin, 16-1 Missed Flight, Nec Plus Ultra, 20-1 Zoman, 33-1 Firm Friend

3.05 PRIX DE L'ABBAYE DE LONGCHAMP
(Group I: £57,208: 5f) (10 runners)

1 (2) -113231 MISTERTOPOGIGO 25 (F,G) (G Alesi) B Beasley (GB) 4-9-11 ... K Darley
2 (4) 516212 PICCOLO 29 (F,S) (J Mitchell and Partners) M Channon (GB) 3-9-11 ... J Reid
3 (7) 03P213 LATE PARADE 23 (S) (Scuderia AJBI) P Lodigiani (It) 3-9-11 ... M Roberts
4 (10) 2-11631 SPAIN LANE 17 (G,S) (M Al-Maktoum) A Fabre 3-9-8 ... W R Swinburn
5 (6) 15-2001 TROPICAL 22 (F,G) (Godolphin) D Weld (Ire) 4-9-8 ... M J Kinane
6 (3) 1-42931 LAVINIA FONTANA 29 (F,G,S) (C Humphris) J Dunlop (GB) 5-9-8 ... J Weaver
7 (1) 3-15106 GREAT DEEDS 22 (F,G,S) (S Manghnani) M Channon (GB) 3-9-8 ... W Carson
8 (9) 334020 BUNTY BOO 25 (G,S) (Mrs R Mayall) R Hannon (GB) 5-9-8 ... Pat Eddery
9 (8) -111010 LOCHSONG 45 (F,G,S) (J Smith) I Balding (GB) 6-9-8 ... L Dettori
10 (5) 311112 BRUTTINA 42 (F,G) (Scuderia Ri.Ma) L Camici (It) 2-8-5 ... M Pasquale

BETTING: 11-10 Lochsong, 5-1 Lavinia Fontana, 7-1 Piccolo, 8-1 Tropical, 9-1 Mistertopogigo, 10-1 Bruttina, 12-1 Spain Lane, 20-1 Bunty Boo, 25-1 Great Deeds, 50-1 Late Parade.

4.40 PRIX MARCEL BOUSSAC
(Group I: 2-Y-O fillies: £91,533: 1m) (6 runners)

1 (5) 1 BOLD EMPRESS 76 (S) (K Abdulla) A Fabre 8-11 ... Pat Eddery
2 (4) 1 MACOUMBA 26 (G) (Haras d'Etreham) Mme C Head 8-11 ... F Head
3 (1) 23 CHRYSALU 18 (D Kahn) N Clement 8-11 ... O Peslier
4 (2) 3323 PIQUETNOL 25 (S Niarchos) F Boutin 8-11 ... C Asmussen
5 (3) 31 GARDEN ROSE 35 (S) (Mrs A O'Reilly) F Boutin 8-11 ... G Mosse
6 (6) 2212 SLEWVERA 18 (G) (J Wertheimer) Mme C Head 8-11 ... O Doleuze

BETTING: 6-4 Macoumba, 2-1 Bold Empress, 3-1 Garden Rose, 11-2 Slewvera, 10-1 Chrysalu, 14-1 Piquetnol

□ There are three British challengers for the group two Sunset & Vine *Prix de l'Opera, to be run at 5.20. Andromaque, withdrawn* by Roger Charlton from today's William Hill Cambridgeshire, is joined by Erin Bird (Peter Chapple-Hyam) and Bulaxie (John Dunlop).

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER
2.15 In Waiting. 2.45 Desert Lore. 3.15 Dover Patrol. *3.50 River Keen. 4.25 Mubarak. 4.55 Leap For Joy. 5.25 Ball Gown.*
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.25 BALL GOWN (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 MARY ROSE NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £4,175: 1m) (10 runners)

1 6114 BEDIVERE 46 (BF,G) P Chapple-Hyam 9-7 ... B Thomson 3
2 3324 THALJANAH 24 A Stewart 9-0 ... W Carson 7
3 4051 IN WAITING 19 (D,G) W Hern 8-13 ... A McGlone 10
4 406 NIGHT TIME 45 R Hannon 8-12 ... G Duffield 2
5 4215 ROWLANDSONS ROCKS 24 (D,G) B Meehan 8-12 ... B Doyle 4
6 4624 SHEROY 30 J Dunlop 8-9 ... S Whitworth 8
7 6141 BOBANLYN 16 (D,F,G,S) D Morris 8-8 ... Stephen Davies (3) 1
8 502 KING BALANT 17 M Stoute 8-2 ... G Hind 6
9 0003 SPITFIRE BRIDGE 5 M McCormack 8-0 ... A Tucker 5
10 0004 EURO FORUM 19 G L Moore 7-7 ... M Baird (7) 9

3-1 In Waiting, 7-2 Bedivere, 5-1 Sheroy, 6-1 Thaljanah, 8-1 Bobanlyn, Rowlandsons Rocks, 10-1 others.

2.45 ROYAL NAVY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £5,754: 7f) (18)

1 0352 ASTRAC 15 (D,BF,G,S) R Akehurst 9-7 ... R Meagpie (7) 15
2 -400 FAWAAKEH 18 (F) R Armstrong 9-5 ... W Carson 7
3 0600 PORPHYRIOS 21 (D,S) G Harwood 9-5 ... S Malvey (5) 1
4 3-40 SUAAD 18 (D,G) H Thomson Jones 9-3 Catherine Cooper (7) 12
5 -160 BRYAN ROBSON 21 (F) G Balding 9-3 ... J Williams 5
6 5431 BAGSHOT 17 (D,S) R Hannon 9-1 ... B Thomson 11
7 4040 EBONY BLAZE 100 C Wildman 8-13 ... D R McCabe (5) 18
8 41-2 NORTH REEF 17 (S) M Prescott 8-13 ... G Duffield 13
9 3100 DEEPLY VALE 18 (D,S) G L Moore 8-12 ... S Whitworth 9
10 4564 STOREY'S GATE 44 (V,D,F) J Fanshawe 8-12 ... M Tebbutt 3
11 1600 TO CROWN IT ALL 8 (B,F) F Lee 8-10 ... D Griffiths (5) 8
12 5005 DANCING LAWYER 10 (F,G) B Meehan 8-10 ... B Doyle 2
13 631 MISTRESS GWYN 14 (D,G) M Stoute 8-10 ... G Hind 4
14 6020 DOWSONG 18 R Akehurst 8-8 ... A McGlone 14
15 3002 DESERT LORE 23 (G) Lord Huntingdon 8-7 ... D Wright (5) 16
16 3004 RUPAN 10 (F) P Mitchell 8-2 ... Stephen Davies (3) 17
17 1430 FORT KNOX 17 (D,F,G) R Flower 8-0 ... N Varley (5) 6
18 5000 REGINA ALICIA 130 B Pearce 7-7 ... — 10

3-1 Mistress Gwyn, 5-1 Astrac, 6-1 Desert Lore, Bagshot, 7-1 North Reef, 10-1 Storey's Gate, 12-1 others.

3.15 CITY OF PORTSMOUTH CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,593: 2m) (4)

1 2016 CAPTAIN'S GUEST 50 (D,F,G) G Harwood 4-9-7 ... W Carson 3
2 6644 DOVER PATROL 28 (BF,G,S) H Cecil 4-9-3 ... A McGlone 2
3 01-0 GOOGLY 14 (C,B,S) J White 5-9-2 ... J Williams 4
4 025/ CALAPAEZ 329J Miss B Sanders 10-8-13 ... R Price 1

4-6 Dover Patrol, 9-4 Captain's Guest, 7-1 Googly, 14-1 Calapaez.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Cecil, 5 winners from 18 runners, 27.8%; H Cecil, 22 from 83, 26.5%, J Gosden, 25 from 118, 21.2%; W Haggas, 4 from 19, 21.1%; I Balding, 27 from 134, 20.1%; R Armstrong, 6 from 31, 19.4%.

JOCKEYS: W Carson, 49 winners from 289 rides, 17.0%; G Hind, 3 from 25, 12.0%. Only qualifiers.

3.50 THE NEWS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £8,090: 7f) (11)

1 0524 BLOMBERG 36 (BF) J Fanshawe 8-12 ... M Tebbutt 1
2 3 RIVER KEEN 17 R Armstrong 8-12 ... R Price 6
3 0 SILVER TZAR 42 W Haggas 8-6 ... J Williams 3
4 2330 MILLION DANCER 36 R Hannon 8-3 ... A McGlone 5
5 00 NORMAN PRINCE 18 R Hannon 8-3 ... S Raymont 8
6 0663 SPIRITUELLE 30 M McCormack 8-1 ... B Thomson 9
7 EPIDSA R Simpson 8-0 ... S Drowne 4
8 05 ELPIDOS 33 C Brittain 8-0 ... B Doyle 7
9 JUDGE ADVOCATE D Chappell 8-0 ... Stephen Davies 11
10 0 BEECEEFCEE 77 G Lewis 7-9 ... N Varley 2
11 0 SHANUKE 14 J Moore 7-9 ... D Wright 10

6-4 River Keen, 5-2 Blomberg, 5-1 Million Dancer, 7-1 Spirituelle, 12-1 Elpidos, 20-1 Silver Tzar, Beeceefcee, 25-1 others.

4.25 HARWOODS LAND ROVER MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,749: 1m 2f) (12)

1 0000 DRAGON BOLD 16 L Holt 9-0 ... A McGlone 8
2 FAST FORWARD FRED G Lewis 9-0 ... Stephen Davies (3) 3
3 MUBARAK W Hern 9-0 ... W Carson 4
4 RADIF A Stewart 9-0 ... S Whitworth 7
5 0 RUSHAWAY 15 R Hannon 9-0 ... S Raymont 1
6 604 THE FRENCH FRIAR 21 G Balding 9-0 ... B Thomson 6
7 23 BALLET ROUGE 11 A Jarvis 8-9 ... N Varley (5) 11
8 0000 BAYBELLINA 52 C Benstead 8-9 ... M Tebbutt 2
9 05 NAULAKHA 23 J Gosden 8-9 ... G Hind 5
10 4 SUPER ASSIGNATION 11 D Elsworth 8-9 ... J Williams 9
11 5 UNCHARTED WATERS 116 C Cyzer 8-9 ... R Price 12
12 WIZZARD GEM P Hedger 8-9 ... C Avery (10)

5-2 Naulakha, 7-2 Ballet Rouge, 5-1 Radif, 7-1 Super Assignation, 8-1 Mubarak, 10-1 The French Friar, Uncharted Waters, 12-1 others.

4.55 EBF SOUTH COAST RADIO MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,131: 6f) (8)

1 0 ISM 12 W Hern 9-0 ... T Sprake 6
2 8 SUPER HIGH 122 P Howling 9-0 ... J Willcocks 1
3 00 TAFAHHUS 12 R Armstrong 9-0 ... W Carson 3
4 20 TOAFF 68 M Camplon 9-0 ... Stephen Davies (3) 4
5 0 ANNA-JANE 71 R Hannon 8-9 ... B Thomson 8
6 42 LEAP FOR JOY 12 J Gosden 8-9 ... G Hind 2
7 NYALI BEACH B Meehan 8-9 ... B Doyle 5
8 0 VAVONA 14 L Holt 8-9 ... A McGlone 7

4-9 Leap For Joy, 6-1 Toaff, 7-1 Anna-Jane, 8-1 Vavona, 10-1 Ism, 16-1 Tafahhus, 20-1 others.

5.25 GEORGE TODD APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(£4,013: 1m 1f) (12)

1 0001 CLOUDED ELEGANCE 12 (V,F,G,S) I Balding 4-10-8 ... D Griffiths (3) 7
2 1210 RORY 28 (G) Mrs J Cecil 3-8-8 ... S Malvey (3) 6
3 -500 TAMAR'S BRIGADE 106 (G,S) M McCormack 3-9-8 ... R Painter (3) 4
4 1111 BALL GOWN 4 (F,G,S) D Thom 4-9-8 (5ex) ... D R McCabe 8
5 030- MIROSWAKI 351 P McEntee 4-9-6 ... V Halliday (5) 12
6 4135 ROMAN REEL 23 (F) G L Moore 3-9-2 ... L Suthern (5) 10
7 6400 WAVE HILL 18 (V,F,G) P Hedger 5-9-1 ... M Baird (5) 11
8 4536 MULCIBER 82 (F,G) G Harwood 6-9-0 ... P Houghton (5) 5
9 5030 ARABOYBILL 7 (F) R Simpson 3-8-13 ... S Drowne 1
10 3-15 SPRING FLYER 190 (D,G) A Bailey 4-8-6 ... D Wright 3
11 0400 LADY LACEY 11 (V,DF,G,S) G Balding 7-8-6 ... N Varley 2
12 2223 BY ARRANGEMENT 28 (F,G) S Woodman 5-7-7 M Henry (5) 9

5-2 Ball Gown, 3-1 Clouded Elegance, 8-1 Spring Flyer, 10-1 Rory, By Arrangement, Lady Lacey, 12-1 others.

□ The French-trained Bigstone, third in last Saturday's Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot, runs next in the Washington International over a mile and a quarter at Laurel Park, Maryland, on October 15.

KELSO

THUNDERER
2.20 Riva's Book. 2.50 Fortune's Girl. 3.25 Corly Special. 3.55 Regan. 4.30 North Ardar. 5.00 Northern Trial.

GOING: HARD

2.20 GLENGOYNE 10 YEAR OLD SINGLE MALT JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,674: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 1 DOON RIDGE 10 (D,G) J J O'Neill 11-5 ... M Dwyer
2 31 BLENUGIE 18 (F) G Moore 11-5 ... N Bentley
3 21 MEMORABLE 15F (G) J Hetherton 11-5 ... D Byrne
4 NOORAN 362F A Whillans 10-12 ... M Moloney
5 22 RIVA'S BOOK 18 M Hammond 10-12 ... P Niven

6-4 Doon Ridge, 9-4 Glenugie, 3-1 Memorable, 8-1 Riva's Book, 33-1 Nooran.

2.50 HIGHLAND PARK 12 YEAR OLD SINGLE MALT NOVICES CHASE (£2,169: 3m 1f) (4)

1 13-F UNOR 10 (F,G) P Monteith 8-11-4 ... A Dobbin
2 43F- FOUR DEEP 198 (G,S) J Johnson 6-11-0 ... M A Fitzgerald
3 03-P OLD MORTALITY 18 (V,F) R Allan 8-11-0 ... T Reed
4 2-21 FORTUNE'S GIRL 18 (F,G) M Hammond 6-10-9 ... P Niven

4-5 Fortune's Girl, 6-4 Four Deep, 6-1 Unor, 12-1 Old Mortality.

3.25 COOPERS & LYBRAND HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,988: 2m 6f 110yd) (4)

1 4-15 CORLY SPECIAL 7 (V,F,G,S) K Bailey 7-11-10 ... M A Fitzgerald
2 00-0 PALM HOUSE 18 (B,C,F,G,S) G Moore 9-10-8 ... N Bentley
3 0F0- LOVING OMEN 184 (B,C,S) Miss Z Green 7-10-1 A Lamach (3)
4 0P-0 BOOORE 7 D Nolan 6-10-0 ... M Moloney

4-5 Corly Special, 7-2 Palm House, Loving Omen, 5-1 Booore.

3.55 FAMOUS GROUSE HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,673: 3m 1f) (4)

1 0-41 REGAN 29 (F,G,S) J Johnson 7-11-10 ... M A Fitzgerald
2 414- ZAM BEE 123 (D,F,G,S) W Reed 8-11-10 ... T Reed
3 325- PIMS GUNNER 135F (F,G) M Hammond 6-11-8 ... A Dobbin
4 P143 JAUNTY GIG 7 (B,F,G) J Birkett 8-10-2 ... L O'Hara

5-4 Regan, 3-1 Zam Bee, Jaunty Gig, 4-1 Pims Gunner.

4.30 CHRISTIE'S SCOTLAND NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,828: 2m 2f) (7)

1 P00- BRAVE AND TENDER 194 J Johnson 5-11-0 ... S Taylor (7)
2 0/0 QUARTZ HILL 7 D Lamb 5-11-0 ... Mr A Manners (7)
3 0P- HOD-MOD 184 Miss Z Green 4-10-13 ... A Lamach (3)
4 NORTH ARDAR 28F Mrs M Reveley 4-10-13 ... P Niven
5 WATER SKIER 253F J Johnson 4-10-13 ... M A Fitzgerald
6 P-P4 TOLL BOOTH 7 J Hope 5-10-9 ... Mr D Parker (5)
7 GALLANTS DELIGHT M Barnes 4-10-8 ... A Dobbin

Evens North Ardar, 11-4 Water Skier, 6-1 Brave And Tender, 10-1 others.

5.00 BUNNAHABHAIN 12 YEAR OLD MALT HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,900: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 /80- FIERY SUN 12F (D,F,G) J Eyre 9-12-0 ... G Lee (7)
2 8-40 VAIN PRINCE 14 (D,F,G,S) N Tinkler 7-11-13 ... M Dwyer
3 2132 NORTHERN TRIAL 15 (V,D,F,G) K Burke 6-11-8 M A Fitzgerald
4 511- LADY DONOGHUE 17F (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-4 P Niven
5 /0- NORTH PRIDE 305 (D,F) M Barnes 9-10-0 ... A Dobbin

Evens Lady Donoghue, 2-1 Northern Trial, 5-1 Vain Prince, 8-1 Fiery Sun, 10-1 North Pride.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 34 winners from 104 runners, 32.7%; M Barnes, 3 from 15, 20.0%; P Monteith, 18 from 99, 18.2%; M Hammond, 15 from 83, 18.1%; N Tinkler, 4 from 23, 17.4%; R Allan, 8 from 62, 12.9%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 41 winners from 114 rides, 36.0%; M Moloney, 13 from 58, 22.4%; A Dobbin, 13 from 75, 17.3%; L O'Hara, 6 from 56, 10.7%. Only qualifiers.

JULIAN HERBERT



Annus Mirabilis, on the near side, completes a Newmarket treble for Michael Kinane by beating Muhab in the Somerville Tattersall Stakes yesterday

Mansai can swell Maktoum coffers

By Julian Muscat

WITH the recent spate of surprises in group one races, punters can take consolation from the return to handicap fare at Newmarket today. Mind you, the 30-runner William Hill Cambridgeshire hardly appeals as a medium through which to recoup those losses.

The best thing to be said for these competitive handicaps is that they usually offer the small owner the chance to win a big prize. However, this £50,000-added purse may be destined for the Maktoum family coffers through the triumvirate assault of Dahyah, Halling and Manssai. Preference is for Manssai, a son of Mr Prospector who has already won over the unusual race distance of nine furlongs.

At first glance, Manssai seems to be the second string of John Gosden's two representatives. Halling's two victories have been fluently gained and the colt is 3lb better off with Green Crusader, whom he mastered on good ground at Doncaster.

Furthermore, Halling will be more at home on this faster surface than will Michael Stoute's colt, whose best efforts have come in the aftermath of rain. And he is the mount of Gosden's stable jockey, Lanfranco Dettori.

However, Manssai's racing weight — he has been allotted 8st — effectively ruled Dettori out of a choice. The Italian jockey has not weighed out below 8st 2lb all season, and it is unlikely Gosden would have countenanced carrying overweight in such a tightly knit race.

Manssai's overall form offers plenty of encouragement. A lightly-raced three-year-old, he ran out a convincing winner at Goodwood on his penultimate start.

Ringmaster, twice successful in the interim, trailed him by six lengths and the 6lb weight advantage he now enjoys is uninspiring. In addition, Ringmaster would relish some overnight rain.

Manssai's most recent defeat should not be held against him. After all, he had Wizard King one place behind him in third, and the latter has since run rings around a field of high-class handicappers at Ascot. Dale Gibson, who rides Manssai, is ideally drawn in stall 12; he can watch events unfold before committing himself to the more favourable side of the track.

There are front-runners at both ends of the draw. But what may tilt the balance in favour of high numbers is the presence of several fancied horses within those ranks. Among them are Halling, Dahyah, Jawaal, Knowth and Ringmaster.

Dahyah, collared by an in-form Lap Of Luxury at Doncaster last month, has each-way claims but has yet to win off anything like his present handicap mark. A victory for American Swinger would cap a fine season for his trainer, Peter Harris, although this trip might just be too sharp for the four-year-old. Meanwhile, the ground has gone against William Tell.

So much depends on where the faster ground lies on the wide expanses of Newmarket racecourse. Nevertheless, in a race more attractive as a spectacle than a betting medium, Manssai should give at least as good as he gets.

Further Flight to claim fourth cup

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

CHEPSTOW
BBC1

2.00: Senior Steward has always appealed as a potential chaser and should enforce the point on his fencing debut. *Zamirah*, whose hurdles form was superior to that of the selection, looks the biggest threat.

2.35: Ground Nut can enhance Henrietta Knight's fine start to the new season. The four-year-old acquitted himself well before he was pulled up in the Triumph Hurdle, but he receives a healthy weight concession from his principal rivals here. Dark Den has an outing under his belt and Teen Jay is fit from the Flat. Allegation is another sure to be straighter than most and looks the danger.

3.10: The jumping of Gold Cap and Rocktor is suspect, although the latter did win on his seasonal debut last term. However, **Grange Brake** will take some stopping after his useful displays at Cheltenham and Aintree. The Nigel Twiston-Davies-trained chaser should manage the weight concession to Nearco Bay, who will probably need the outing.

NEWMARKET
C4

2.20: Billy Bushwacker looks the safest prospect in an uninspiring contest. At least Mary Reveley's three-year-old is in form, having landed a similar event at Sandown last month. That was on easy ground, but the selection has already won on faster going.

Go With Bo's forcing tactics will be severely tested on this course. Ertlon has prospects but his stable is out of form, while the soft ground might have enabled Pyramus to break his duck last time. Others with chances include Jato, Persian Affair and Rise Up Singing.

2.55: La Confederation, a recent import from France, won with authority on her British debut but she is up against it here with **Del Deya** in opposition. John Gosden's filly has been improving all season and her recent, narrow defeat by Cezanne was her best effort yet. Conversely, Hawajiss disappointed badly in the Yorkshire Oaks. State Crystal holds Relatively Special on their Prix Vermeille encounter, but the latter will be better served by today's shorter trip. Maidment, another on the upgrade, has plenty to find if she is to upset the selection.

3.35: See above

4.10: Capias, untried at this trip, is the chief danger to **Further Flight**, who has monopolised this race in the last three years. The grey has yet to sparkle this season but should have too much ability for these. Corrouge and Shirley's Delight both possess high-class form over hurdles, but are likely to be found wanting for speed.

4.45: Although Anniversarypresent's consistency cannot be faulted, he may not be suited by this shorter trip. He needed every yard of seven furlongs to win a York nursery in August. Those towards the foot of the handicap make little appeal, so I take **Lynton Lad** to defy top weight successfully. Alex Scott's colt, put in his place at Ascot last time, has run only three times and could be on the upgrade. His Haydock defeat of Marha has been franked by the runner-up's recent Ascot victory. Others to consider are Astral Invader and Midwich Cuckoo.

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Flat meetings in bold

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Chepstow: 3.10 Rocktor. Goodwood: 2.45 Storey's Gate. Kelso: 3.25 Corly Special. Newmarket: 1.50 Fantasy Racing; 3.35 Palace Pageant, Show Faith. Uttoxeter: 4.35 Cashew King. Wolverhampton: 7.00 Orange Extrema, 8.30 Tandia, 9.00 Chocolate Chip, 9.30 Florac, Last Straw.

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

1.50 All Time Great
2.20 Ertlon
2.55 Relatively Special
3.35 JAWAAL (nap)
4.10 Capias
4.45 Nafta
5.20 Summertown

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.55 Del Deya. 3.35 Manssai.

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

1.50 OH SO SHARP STAKES
(Listed race: 2-Y-O fillies: £9,768: 7f) (8 runners)

101 (8) 1 ALL TIME GREAT 22 (G) (Helena Springfield Ltd) L Cumani 8-9 ..... L Dettori 84
102 (3) 331150 DOM ONE 23 (D,F) (B Hathaway) J Berry 8-9 ..... J Carroll [illegible]
103 (2) 313 FANTASY RACING 122 (V,S) (P Bonsu) M Channon 8-9 ..... R Hughes 86
104 (5) FRESH FRUIT DAILY (K Hudson) P Kelleway 8-9 ..... M Wigham —
105 (1) 333 GERMANE 15 (E Kessly) M Bell 8-9 ..... M Fenton 83
106 (4) 171 HAWAYA 11 (D,G,S) (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-9 ..... R Hills 94
107 (6) 52123 POPPY CAREW 23 (D,BF,F) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 8-9 ..... R Cochrane 98
108 (7) SIERRA ESTRELLA (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-9 ..... M Hills —

BETTING: 9-4 Hawaya, 5-2 Poppy Carew, 7-2 All Time Great, 6-1 Germane, 8-1 Dom One, 10-1 others.
1993: BULAXIE 8-9 W Carson (7-4 fav) J Dunlop 6 ran

2.20 NGK SPARK PLUGS QUALITY HANDICAP (C4)
(£9,260: 7f) (28 runners)

201 (5) 100060 HAM N'EGGS 7 (D,F) (P Hammond) R Hannon 3-10-0 ..... J Reid 94
202 (14) 011006 MAHOOL 35 (D,F,G) (A Scott) A Scott 5-9-9 ..... J Tate (3) 95
203 (11) 1201 BILLY BUSHWACKER 18 (D,F,S) (T Child) Mrs M Reveley 3-9-8 ..... K Darley 97
204 (18) 2-24210 MADLY SHARP 14 (F) (Lord Swaythling) J Watts 3-9-7 ..... L Dettori 89
205 (8) 234221 KNOBBLEENEEZE 15 (V,D,F,G,S) (A Andrews) M Channon 4-9-6 ..... R Hughes [illegible]
206 (26) 549851 PYRAMUS 7 (B,D,S) (H De Burathowski) Mrs L Piggott 3-9-3 ..... G Milligan (7) 94
207 (7) 300043 JATO 14 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Southcott) S Williams 5-9-3 ..... P McCabe (5) 97
208 (26) 10-8000 CHILI HEIGHTS 18 (CD,G,S) (B Attenborough) G Balding 4-9-1 ..... J Carroll 88
209 (20) 166036 PERSIAN AFFAIR 28 (CD,F,G) (Mrs G Rowland-Clark) M Bell 3-9-0 ..... M Fenton (3) 93
210 (25) 001365 POLAR STORM 52 (D,F,G,S) (Dexam Int Ltd) Lady Herries 4-9-0 ..... D Harrison 89
211 (22) 004450 ERTLON 15 (F) (C Britain) C Brittain 4-8-13 ..... M Roberts 98
212 (9) 146100 DRY POINT 36 (C,F,G) (Lady Sophia Morrison) J Toller 8-8-13 ..... W Newnes 95
213 (13) 144600 NAPOLEON STAR 19 (F) (A Whitcock) M Saunders 3-8-13 ..... N Adams 93
214 (15) 500250 NORTHERN BIRD 23 (D,F,G,S) (J Bradley) B Hills 4-8-13 ..... M Hills 98
215 (10) 614 FOOTLIGHT FANTASY 17 (D,F) (Helena Springfield Ltd) M Stoute 3-8-12 ..... G Carter 89
216 (23) 00-2600 MOON STRIKE 140 (C,F,G) (A Foustok) W Jarvis 4-8-10 ..... W Hood 89
217 (19) 5-50566 MULLITOVER 18 (D,S) (Mrs D Medley) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-10 ..... W Ryan 92
218 (3) 135-060 ALJAZ 117 (G) (R Dawson) Miss G Kelleway 4-8-10 ..... A Mackay 89
219 (17) 001211 GO WITH BO 10 (D,F,G) (C Sparrowhawk) G Lewis 3-8-10 ..... A Whelan (7) 96
220 (4) 308030 SOBERING THOUGHTS 8 (F,G) (Mrs L Campion) J Eyre 8-8-9 ..... J Fortune 96
221 (16) 005320 MY RUBY RING 11 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Wickham) D Laing 7-8-9 ..... T Williams 96
222 (12) 331008 LADY-BO-K 18 (F,B) (Mrs T McEvoy) A Hide 3-8-8 ..... R Cochrane 97
223 (21) 603005 FAIRY STORY 10 (D,F,G) (Fairy Story Prtns) R Akehurst 4-8-7 ..... S Sanders (5) 94
224 (24) 004000 RISE UP SINGING 21 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 6-8-3 ..... Pat Eddery 98
225 (27) 0-50505 LOUISVILLE BELLE 79 (D,G) (Mrs M Pearson) M Usher 5-8-1 ..... C Adamson (7) 91
226 (2) F23236 HILTONS TRAVEL 7 (S) (Mrs D Jones) E Alston 3-7-11 ..... J Quinn 91
227 (1) 360000 DIFFERENT TIMES 17 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss L Siddall) Miss L Siddall 4-7-9 ..... N Carlisle 96
228 (6) 220500 GANT BLEU 8 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Batton) R Whitaker 7-7-8 ..... Dale Gibson 80

BETTING: 8-1 Go With Bo, 10-1 Billy Bushwacker, Rise Up Singing, 12-1 Pyramus, 14-1 Footlight Fantasy, Mahool, Knobbleeneeze, Polar Storm, Jato, 16-1 Ertlon, Mullitover, 20-1 others.
1993: BRAVEBOY 5-7-12 B Doyle (25-1) C Brittain 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

HAM N'EGGS 9¾l 8th of 25 to Wizard King in handicap at Ascot (7f, good). BILLY BUSHWACKER beat Khattat 2l in 16-runner handicap at Sandown (7f, good to soft) with MULLITOVER (8lb better off) 5½l 6th and CHILI HEIGHTS (10lb better off) 6½l 13th.
MADLY SHARP beat Jayannpee 1¾l in 12-runner handicap at Haydock (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. KNOBBLEENEEZE beat Astrac ½l in 15-runner handicap at Newbury (7f 64yd, soft) with ERTLON (6lb better off) 2¾l 7th.
PYRAMUS beat Curtain Speech 1½l in 8-runner maiden at Redcar (7f, good to soft). JATO two heads 3rd of 27 to Master Of Passion in handicap at Ayr (6f, good to soft) with MADLY SHARP (2lb better off) 11l 18th. PERSIAN AFFAIR head and ¾l 3rd of 13 to Tora Morgan in handicap over course and distance (good) on penultimate start.
FOOTLIGHT FANTASY beat Waite Lady 1¾l in 7-runner maiden at Epsom (7f, good to firm). GO WITH BO beat Khattat ¾l in 16-runner handicap at Brighton (7f, good) with FAIRY STORY (5lb better off) 2¾l 5th.
Selection: BILLY BUSHWACKER

2.55 SUN CHARIOT STAKES (C4)
(Group II: Fillies: £33,662: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

301 (7) 1-14122 DEL DEYA 21 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 4-9-3 ..... L Dettori [illegible]
302 (4) 313210 HAWAJISS 45 (D,F,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-11 ..... W R Swinburn 93
303 (6) 431204 INTERIM 41 (D,F,S) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 3-8-8 ..... Pat Eddery 90
304 (1) 151 LA CONFEDERATION 18 (D,F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 3-8-8 ..... K Darley 93
305 (5) 012 MAIDMENT 34 (D,G) (Mrs B Channells) Lady Herries 3-8-8 ..... M Hills 94
306 (2) 630320 RELATIVELY SPECIAL 20 (C,G,S) (Helena Springfield Ltd) L Cumani 3-8-8 ..... J Reid 94
307 (3) 61-2132 STATE CRYSTAL 20 (F,S) (M Poland) H Cecil 3-8-8 ..... W Ryan 92

BETTING: 5-2 Del Deya, 3-1 Hawajiss, 7-2 Maidment, 5-1 State Crystal, 7-1 Interim, 8-1 others.
1993: TALENTED 3-8-8 W Carson (4-1) J Dunlop 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

DEL DEYA neck 2nd of 8 to Cezanne in group I Guinness Champion Stakes at Leopardstown (1m 2f, yielding). HAWAJISS beat DEL DEYA (3lb better off) ½l in 9-runner group II Nassau Stakes at Goodwood (1m 2f, firm) on penultimate start with RELATIVELY SPECIAL (3lb better off) ½l 3rd and INTERIM (5lb worse off) 3¼l 5th. LA CONFEDERATION beat Moonasschaal 1¼l in 8-runner listed race at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good to firm).
MAIDMENT ½l 2nd of 7 to Grafin in group II Prix de la Nonette at Deauville (1m 2f, soft). RELATIVELY SPECIAL 2l 2nd of 15 to Sierra Madre in listed race at Deauville (1m 2f, soft) on penultimate start with INTERIM (5lb better off) two short-heads 4th. STATE CRYSTAL 3l 3rd of 9 to Sierra Madre in group I Prix Vermeille at Longchamp (1m 4f, very soft) with RELATIVELY SPECIAL 2l 7th.
Selection: HAWAJISS (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Charlton	19	84	22.6	Pat Eddery	102	527	19.4
Lady Herries	6	30	20.0	W R Swinburn	73	426	17.1
H Cecil	60	305	19.7	L Dettori	70	522	13.4
J Gosden	54	312	17.3	M Roberts	67	528	12.7
L Cumani	49	320	15.3	J Lowe	9	78	11.5
M Stoute	47	318	14.8	L Piggott	24	210	11.4

3.35 WILLIAM HILL CAMBRIDGESHIRE HANDICAP (C4)
(£51,280: 1m 1f) (30 runners)

401 (4) 200000 MELLOTTIE 21 (CD,F,G) (Mrs J Fulton) Mrs M Reveley 9-9-10 ..... J Lowe 82
402 (16) 130215 AMERICAN SWINGER 22 (D,F,S) (Triple (Cr) Owners I) P Harris 4-8-6 ..... R Cochrane 89
403 (13) 2-1240 RIVER BOARD 44 (F) (Mrs M Clark) W Haggas 4-8-3 ..... M Roberts 84
404 (22) 41/1012 DAHYAH 21 (BF,F,G,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-1 (5ex) ..... W R Swinburn 88
405 (10) 644050 PALACE PAGEANT 14 (B,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-8-11 ..... W Ryan 87
406 (6) 202003 KAYVEE 7 (F) (J Richmond-Watson) G Harwood 5-8-10 ..... A Clark 93
407 (19) 021224 KNOWTH 35 (D,F,G,S) (Ruelles Partners) R Akehurst 5-8-10 ..... J Quinn 88
408 (11) 403221 GREEN CRUSADER 14 (V,S) M Stoute 3-8-10 (5ex) ..... Dean McKeown 89
409 (14) 001244 DESERT GREEN 12 (P) (Mana Al Maktoum) R Hannon 5-8-9 ..... R Perham 82
410 (21) 002-630 MR CONFUSION 67 (F,G,S) (R Fenwick-Gibson) Miss S Hall 6-8-8 ..... L Piggott 87
411 (15) 0-10516 WILLIAM TELL 35 (BF,F,G) (Lady Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-8 ..... J Reid 90
412 (24) 04611 HALLING 21 (F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-8 (5ex) ..... L Dettori 92
413 (26) 5-52113 JAWAAL 65 (C,BF,G) (T Fox) Lady Herries 4-8-7 ..... K Darley 87
414 (1) 04-4222 DEER HUNT 14 (D,S) (Mrs P Makin) P Makin 5-8-6 ..... Pat Eddery 93
415 (3) 610602 CASTEL ROSSELO 11 (F,G,S) (R Dawson) Miss G Kelleway 4-8-5 ..... A Mackay 90
416 (17) 546500 SHOW FAITH 21 (B,C,G,S) (I Wight) R Hannon 4-8-4 ..... G Carter 86
417 (20) 562022 MOVING ARROW 33 (G) (G Westgarth) Miss S Hall 3-8-2 ..... N Connorton 94
418 (23) 000210 HUNTERS OF BRORA 21 (BF,F,S) (R Gibbons) J Bethell 4-8-1 (5ex) ..... R Hills 92
419 (12) 613612 MANSSAI 36 (D,G,S) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 3-8-0 ..... Dale Gibson 88
420 (8) 020603 CEE-JAY-AY 15 (F,G,S) (R Jinks) J Berry 7-7-12 ..... L Charnock 87
421 (29) 633211 RINGMASTER 8 (S) (D Fisher) M Tompkins 3-7-9 (5ex) ..... P Robinson [illegible]
422 (25) 616104 SWEET MIGNONETTE 15 (D,F,G) (R Whitehead) Mrs M Reveley 6-7-8 ..... J Fanning 93
423 (30) 420020 ZERMATT 14 (S) (Clairtex Guest) M Usher 4-7-7 ..... C Adamson (7) 89
424 (5) 300250 SECRET ALY 21 (B Vosk) C Brittain 4-7-7 ..... R Street 86
425 (27) 102400 DEEVEE 17 (C,F,G,S) (D Turner) C Benstead 5-7-7 ..... N Adams 82
426 (2) 140300 PRIZEFIGHTER 21 (C,F,G) (Diamond Racing) S Gollings 3-7-7 ..... N Kennedy 84
427 (28) 150210 CONIC HILL 21 (B,F) (J Furlong) J Pearce 3-7-7 ..... G Bardwell 82
428 (7) 233435 BARFORD LAD 17 (C,D,F,S) (Barford Bloodstock) J Fanshawe 7-7-7 ..... N Carlisle 81
429 (18) 131108 MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 26 (F,G,S) M Hammond 8-7-7 ..... J Marshall (5) 74
430 (9) 133500 NO COMEBACKS 15 (D,F,S) (L Snowden) E Alston 6-7-7 ..... Darren Moffatt (5) 70

Long handicap: Deevee 7-4, Prizefighter 7-4, Conic Hill 7-4, Barford Lad 7-1, Master Ofthe House 6-12, No Comebacks 6-10.
BETTING: 7-1 Jawaal, 8-1 Halling, 10-1 Ringmaster, 14-1 Green Crusader, Deer Hunt, Knowth, 16-1 Castel Rosselo, Desert Green, Hunters Of Brora, Manssai, William Tell, 20-1 others.
1993: PENNY DROPS 4-7-13 D Harrison (7-1) Lord Huntingdon 33 ran

FORM FOCUS

AMERICAN SWINGER 4l 5th of 7 to Alderbrook in group III Select Stakes at Goodwood (1m 2f, good). DAHYAH 2½l 2nd of 14 to Lap Of Luxury in handicap at Doncaster (1m, good) with MELLOTTIE (1lb better off) 14½l 9th. KAYVEE 5l 3rd of 25 to Wizard King in handicap at Ascot (7f, good). KNOWTH 2l 4th of 11 to Burooj in handicap here (1m 2f, good) with WILLIAM TELL (5lb better off) 2½l 6th. GREEN CRUSADER beat DEER HUNT (9lb better off) 1¼l in 8-runner handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, soft).
MR CONFUSION 1¾l 3rd of 16 to Cezanne in handicap at York (1m 2f 85yd, good to firm) on penultimate start with MOVING ARROW (3lb worse off) 8½l 8th.
HALLING beat GREEN CRUSADER (2lb worse off) head in 15-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 120yd, good to soft) with NO COMEBACKS (5lb worse off) 18l 8th, SECRET ALY (3lb better off) 3l 10th and SHOW FAITH (5lb better off) 8l 15th. JAWAAL neck and head 3rd of 19 to Fraam in handicap at Goodwood (1m, firm) with KAYVEE (19lb better off) 7l 9th, CEE-JAY-AY (9lb better off) 2½l 12th, HUNTERS OF BRORA (9lb better off) 1l 14th and SHOW FAITH (16lb better off) 3l 18th. MANSSAI neck 2nd of 7 to Air Commodore in handicap at Goodwood (1m, good). RINGMASTER beat Latam 2l in 15-runner handicap at Ascot (1m 2f, good to soft).
Selection: RINGMASTER

4.10 JOCKEY CLUB CUP (C4)
(Group III: £18,621: 2m) (5 runners)

501 (3) 030033 FURTHER FLIGHT 23 (CD,F,G,S) (S Wingfield Digby) B Hills 8-9-3 ..... M Hills 94
502 (4) 30 CORROUGE 107 (G,S) (M Gates) N Twiston-Davies 5-9-0 ..... J Reid 90
503 (2) 1422-02 SHIRLEY'S DELIGHT 6 (D,G) (L Doherty) N Meade (Ire) 4-8-11 ..... R Hughes 89
504 (5) 4165 CAPIAS 22 (C,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-3 ..... L Dettori [illegible]
505 (1) 283112 TETHYS 8 (F) (M Gleeson) J Eyre 3-8-0 ..... J Fortune 86

BETTING: 6-4 Further Flight, 7-4 Capias, 9-2 Shirley's Delight, 7-1 Tethys, 10-1 Corrouge.
1993: FURTHER FLIGHT 7-9-3 M Hills (2-1) B Hills 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

FURTHER FLIGHT 4¾l 3rd of 9 to Arcadian Heights in group III Doncaster Cup (2m 2f, good). CORROUGE 22l 7th of 9 to Arcadian Heights in group I Ascot Gold Cup (2m 4f, good to firm). SHIRLEY'S DELIGHT head 2nd of 22 to Ebyus in handicap at the Curragh (2m, soft to heavy). CAPIAS 1l 5th to Estimcar in listed race at Doncaster (1m 4f, good). TETHYS 7l 2nd of 6 to Poltarf in conditions race at Haydock (1m 6f, good to soft).
Selection: CAPIAS

4.45 NGK SPARK PLUGS PERFORMANCE NURSERY HANDICAP (C4)
(2-Y-O: £7,700: 6f) (15 runners)

601 (8) 213 LYNTON LAD 8 (G) (Uplands Bloodstock) A Scott 9-7 ..... J Tate (3) 89
602 (12) 862214 ANNIVERSARYPRESENT 22 (F) (D Barker) G Lewis 9-5 ..... W R Swinburn 91
603 (2) 5116 TILER 46 (F,S) (Mrs C Robinson) M Johnston 9-0 ..... L Dettori 94
604 (7) 62120 MIDWICH CUCKOO 14 (F) (Mrs H Keswick) P Walwyn 8-11 ..... Pat Eddery [illegible]
605 (11) 111310 SUMOQUINN 9 (D,F,G,S) (Mick Quinn Racing Club) M Channon 8-11 ..... R Hughes 97
606 (5) 531065 BALANCE OF POWER 9 (D,F) (Kingstone Warren Partners) H Candy 8-6 ..... W Newnes 95
607 (10) 410122 ASTRAL INVADER 14 (D,F,S) (R Kelly) M Saunders 8-3 ..... N Adams 91
608 (9) 04440 RISKY ROMEO 21 (Miss S Quince) G Bravery 8-1 ..... R Hills 95
609 (4) 1535 NORDESTA 17 (S) (Aston House Stud) M Channon 8-1 ..... D Harrison 92
610 (1) 0040 MISTER FIRE EYES 21 (C Olley) C Brittain 7-13 ..... M Roberts 96
611 (14) 020 SOUTH SOUND 18 (BF) (I Wight) R Hannon 7-13 ..... G Carter 98
612 (3) 051080 SALLY WELD 9 (D,F) (R Lamb) C Benstead 7-12 ..... P Robinson 98
613 (15) 6000 NAFTA 21 (P Savill) B Hills 7-8 ..... J Quinn 90
614 (13) 0004 TIROLETTE 17 (R Morris Jr) R Williams 7-7 ..... G Bardwell 88
615 (6) 000 PERSIAN BAILIWICK 7 (G Middlebrook) M Usher 7-7 ..... C Adamson (7) —

Long handicap: Tirolette 7-3, Persian Bailiwick 6-7.
BETTING: 9-2 Midwich Cuckoo, 6-1 Lynton Lad, 7-1 Anniversarypresent, 8-1 Tiler, Sumoquinn, South Sound, Astral Invader, 10-1 Nafta, 12-1 Nordesta, Tirolette, 14-1 others.
1993: RAFFERTY'S RULES 9-7 K Fallon (2-1 fav) Mrs J Ramsden 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

LYNTON LAD 4¼l 3rd to Fire Dome in conditions race at Ascot (5f, good). ANNIVERSARYPRESENT beat Indian Wedding neck in 9-runner handicap at York (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. TILER beat Manful ½l in 3-runner conditions race at Ayr (7f, good to soft) on penultimate start. MIDWICH CUCKOO 3l 2nd of 21 to Sue's Return in handicap at Doncaster (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start with NAFTA (8lb better off) 13l 15th. SUMOQUINN beat Sally Slade 1l in 11-runner handicap at Folkestone (5f, good to soft) on penultimate start. SOUTH SOUND ¾l 2nd of 10 to Mnemonic in maiden at Salisbury (6f, firm) on penultimate start. ASTRAL INVADER 2l 2nd of 7 to In Love Again in nursery at Newbury (5f 34yd, good to soft).
Selection: ANNIVERSARYPRESENT

5.20 MULTIYORK ALINGTON MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £5,734: 6f) (12 runners)

1 (10) ALDANEH (Sheikh Essa Bin Mubarak) R Hannon 8-11 ..... J Reid —
2 (7) CHIEF'S PRINCESS (J Naughton) P McEntee 8-11 ..... J Lowe —
3 (3) EPAGRIS (Mrs H Cambanis) H Cecil 8-11 ..... W Ryan —
4 (2) GOLDEN DIGGER (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 ..... W R Swinburn —
5 (4) 55 INSTANT SUCCESS 19 (T Mohan) W O'Gorman 8-11 ..... Emma O'Gorman (3) [illegible]
6 (1) JURASSIC SUE (A Morton) B Hills 8-11 ..... M Hills —
7 (9) LARENTIA (Mrs N Kairis) J Fanshawe 8-11 ..... D Harrison —
8 (8) LYNTON LASS (Uplands Bloodstock) A Scott 8-11 ..... J Tate (3) —
9 (12) 50 MISS IRON HEART 36 (A MacGillivray) D Cosgrove 8-11 ..... M Wigham 93
10 (11) RAINBOW TIARA (M Fuse) M Stoute 8-11 ..... R Cochrane —
11 (6) SOOTY (Mrs H Jones) H Thomson Jones 8-11 ..... R Hills —
12 (5) SUMMERTOWN (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11 ..... L Dettori —

BETTING: 2-1 Summertown, 4-1 Epagris, 11-2 Golden Digger, 8-1 Aldaneh, 10-1 Rainbow Tiara, 12-1 Larentia, Sooty, Jurassic Sue, 16-1 Lynton Lass, 20-1 others.
1993: FINGER OF LIGHT 8-11 W R Swinburn (100-30) M Stoute 11 ran

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

2.00 Zamirah
2.35 Dark Den
3.10 Grange Brake
3.45 Badastan
4.20 Final Pride
4.50 Arran View

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 DARK DEN.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) — SIS

2.00 WEATHERBYS NEWCOMERS SERIES NOVICES CHASE (BBC1)
(£3,716: 2m 3f 110yd) (12 runners)

1 U3PP-31 CALDECOTT 9 (G) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 8-11-0 ..... Gary Lyons 89
2 60/3223- FLYAWAY 126F (F,G) (M Marlow) R Emery 9-11-0 ..... J R Kavanagh —
3 0F34/0- GO UNIVERSAL 287 (Universal Conf) M Bradstock 6-11-0 ..... G Bradley —
4 P20P12- SENIOR STEWARD 164 (G) (R Lavelle) G Balding 6-11-0 ..... R Dunwoody —
5 0000P/F TEEGA SUKU 7 (Mrs J Young) Mrs J Young 7-11-0 ..... G Upton —
6 35P35P- TIMUR'S KING 158 (S) (Lord Leverhulme) S Mellor 7-11-0 ..... M Perrett 91
7 3135P- WATERMEAD 154P (F) (J Brown) C Mann 9-11-0 ..... J Railton —
8 6F/F0-30 WEST ORIENT 22 (G) (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 9-11-0 ..... V Slattery —
9 0F342F- WHYFOR 169 (C Sorrell) S Knight 6-11-0 ..... C Maude 87
10 042F35- PHARGOLD 140 (F) (Mrs P Emery) R Emery 5-10-12 ..... A Maguire [illegible]
11 6624300- DONNA'S TOKEN 145 (F,G) (S Brown) R Brown 9-10-9 ..... Mr R Johnson 90
12 446625- ZAMIRAH 106F (F,G,S) (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-7 ..... D Bridgwater —

BETTING: 7-4 Zamirah, 9-2 Senior Steward, 7-1 Caldecott, Timur's King, 10-1 Go Universal, 12-1 others.
1993: LUSTY LIGHT 7-11-0 B Powell (6-4 fav) Mrs J Pitman 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

CALDECOTT beat Maggots Green 5l in 5-runner conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Perth (2m 4f 110yd, good). FLYAWAY 3l 2nd of 8 to Elegant King in handicap hurdle at Southwell (AW, 2m 4f) on penultimate start. SENIOR STEWARD 6l 2nd of 15 to Gospel in grade III EBF NH Novices' Hurdle Final at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to firm). WEST ORIENT 34l 3rd of 4 to Wingspan in handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. WHYFOR ½l 2nd of 4 to Aldahe in novice chase at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start. PHARGOLD 8l 3rd of 8 to Crafty Chaplain in amateur riders' novice chase at Uttoxeter (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. DONNA'S TOKEN best effort 17½l 4th of 14 to San Lorenzo in novice chase at Taunton (2m 110yd, good). WHYFOR left 4 out. ZAMIRAH 1l 2nd of 11 to Kadi in handicap hurdle at Aintree (2m 4f, heavy) on penultimate start.
Selection: DONNA'S TOKEN

2.35 FREE HANDICAP HURDLE (BBC1)
(4-Y-O: £6,908: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

1 21126- MOORISH 156 (D,S) (A Fitzpatrick) J White 11-13 ..... A Maguire 89
2 13515P- SPRING MARATHON 176 (D,S) (Mrs N Duffield) Mrs P Duffield 11-2 ..... P Holley 93
3 1P101-2 DARK DEN 14 (D,BF,F,G,S) (G Ohrstrom) Mrs J Cecil 10-12 ..... T Kent [illegible]
4 421P- GROUND NUT 105F (D,S) (V McCalla) Miss H Knight 10-4 ..... J Osborne 83
5 5P350P- DUVEEN 177 (Fat Boys Racing) J White 10-2 ..... J Railton 95
6 211103- ALLEGATION 182 (V,D,G) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 10-0 ..... R Dunwoody 97
7 1205- ABJAR 45F (D,G) (P Kelleway) P Kelleway 10-0 ..... A Bates 85
8 114336- RICH LIFE 180F (D,G) (Mrs S Gay) C Weedon 10-0 ..... M Perrett 91
9 226113- TEEN JAY 6F (V,D,F,G,S) (F Bush) S Sherwood 10-0 ..... S Curran (5) 87

Long handicap: Abjar 9-9, Rich Life 9-7, Teen Jay 9-7.
BETTING: 9-4 Dark Den, 3-1 Moorish, 6-1 Ground Nut, 7-1 Teen Jay, Allegation, 10-1 others.
1993: CULTURED 10-8 D J Murphy (9-4 fav) J White 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

MOORISH 3½l 2nd of 28 to Mysilv in grade I Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good) on penultimate start with DUVEEN (25lb better off) 18l 9th. ALLEGATION (27lb better off) short-head 9th and GROUND NUT pulled up before last. SPRING MARATHON 11½l 5th of 23 to Danoli in grade I Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f, good to soft) on penultimate start. DARK DEN 2½l 2nd of 15 to Eid in handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 3f 110yd, good). GROUND NUT beat Formal Affair ¾l in Wincanton maiden novice hurdle (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. ALLEGATION 3½l 3rd of 7 to Morany in Uttoxeter novice handicap hurdle (2m, heavy). TEEN JAY neck 2nd of 10 to Doctoor in Sandown novice handicap hurdle (2m 110yd, good to soft) with RICH LIFE (13lb better off) short-head 3rd. Better effort beat Merlins Wish 1½l in novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, good to firm).
Selection: DARK DEN

3.10 MERCEDES BENZ HANDICAP CHASE (BBC1)
(£6,908: 3m) (6 runners)

1 833F11- GRANGE BRAKE 184 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 8-12-0 ..... D Bridgwater [illegible]
2 /4/P111- KILLESHIN 176 (G,S) (H Manners) H Manners 8-11-9 ..... Mr G Brown 87
3 1UP5UU- ROCKTOR 190 (V,D,F,G,S) (Mrs G Walkinson-Yull) P Nicholls 9-11-6 ..... R Dunwoody 91
4 3FUP16- GOLD CAP 196 (S) (Poem Racing) P Hobbs 9-11-4 ..... G McCourt 98
5 /33UPP/ SEAGRAM 630 (CD,F,G,S) (Sir Eric Parker) J Gifford 14-11-4 ..... E Murphy —
6 PP1111- NEARCO BAY 124 (F,S) (Queen Elizabeth) N Henderson 10-11-4 ..... J R Kavanagh 91

BETTING: 5-4 Grange Brake, 7-2 Nearco Bay, 4-1 Killeshin, 8-1 Rocktor, Gold Cap, 16-1 Seagram.
1993: ESPY 10-11-5 G Bradley (3-1) C Brooks 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

GRANGE BRAKE completing double, beat Buck Willow 2½l in 11-runner handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 2f 110yd, good to firm). KILLESHIN completing hat-trick, beat Brown Windsor 1¼l in 28-runner Foxhunter's Chase at Aintree (2m 6f, heavy). ROCKTOR best effort beat Far Senior 3½l in 6-runner handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f 110yd, good). GOLD CAP beat Rosslay 15l in 6-runner handicap chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. SEAGRAM best effort 15l 3rd of 4 to Belmount Captain in handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 3f 110yd, good to soft). NEARCO BAY completing four-timer, beat Bradwell ¾l in 5-runner handicap chase at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: KILLESHIN

3.45 SWANSEA HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,588: 3m) (3 runners)

1 221310- NEWTON POINT 200 (D,F,G,S) (PPS Racing) T George 5-12-0 ..... T Jenks (3) 94
2 F4442P- COKENNY BOY 168 (F,G,S) (S Hemstock) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-6 ..... R Dunwoody 91
3 2-11121 BADASTAN 23 (B,D,F,G,S) (S Giannini) P Hobbs 5-10-5 ..... M Hourigan [illegible]

BETTING: 4-5 Badastan, 5-2 Newton Point, 11-4 Cokenny Boy.
1993: DESPERATE 5-11-5 C Llewellyn (2-1) N Twiston-Davies 8 ran

4.20 VALETS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,574: 2m 4f 110yd) (12 runners)

1 3652- ACE PLAYER 143 (R Michaelson) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-11-0 ..... A Maguire 85
2 U/3112P- BUDDY HOLLY 124 (F,G) (B Lake) J Old 9-11-0 ..... T Grantham —
3 12/3140- ENCORE UN PEU 334 (S) (V Nally) M Pipe 7-11-0 ..... J Lower —
4 611U3- LINTON ROCKS 169 (G) (Mrs C Morrison) T Thomson Jones 5-11-0 ..... G McCourt 83
5 0P- SOLUMIOUS 171 (Mrs B Griffiths) T George 7-11-0 ..... T Jenks —
6 U- TOO PLUSH 171 (Mrs C Williams) Andrew Turnell 5-11-0 ..... L Harvey —
7 3004-1 WASHINGTON HEIGHTS 65 (F) (Mrs P Dodd) C Mann 5-11-0 ..... R Dunwoody —
8 F GILDAN 7 (J Plackett) P Butler 4-10-13 ..... M Hourigan —
9 04- IMAD 249 (A Brackley) J White 4-10-13 ..... J Railton 84
10 24- TRIPPIANO 143 (Mrs J Cecil) Mrs J Cecil 4-10-13 ..... T Kent 84
11 2 FINAL PRIDE 22 (F) (G Barrett) N Twiston-Davies 8-10-9 ..... D Bridgwater [illegible]
12 60U- ROMANY BLUES 273 (H Sibley) A Jones 5-10-9 ..... S McNeill —

BETTING: 5-2 Trippiano, 7-2 Final Pride, 4-1 Encore Un Peu, 7-1 Ace Player, 8-1 Linton Rocks, 10-1 others.
1993: DANCE PARTOUT 5-11-0 Peter Hobbs (3-1 fav) P Hobbs 13 ran

4.50 SOUTH-WEST AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,304: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

1 421101- BALLET ROYAL 193 (G,S) (H Manners) H Manners 5-12-7 ..... G Brown (7) 90
2 406U/W SECRET FOUR 714 (F,G,S) (M Rimell) N Twiston-Davies 8-12-4 ..... M Rimell (7) —
3 13/3U3- SOCIETY GUEST 246 (D,F,G,S) (Robinson Webster Ltd) A Turnell 8-11-4 ..... J Rees (7) 98
4 1P/11F-0 ARRAN VIEW 7 (CD,G,S) (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 8-10-9 ..... J L Llewellyn (5) 97
5 465/403- AUSTHORPE SUNSET 126 (CD,F,G,S) (R Armson) T Donnelly 10-10-7 ..... R Armson (7) [illegible]
6 1R/46-P1 SHAFAYIF 21 (D,F,G) (H Manners) H Manners 5-10-7 ..... Miss P Jones (5) 89
7 500U/P6 DOUBLE U DEE 17 (B) (R Donkwater) A Chamberlain 11-10-7 ..... Y Mehmet (7) —
8 PP-P544 GILBERT 23 (F) (Mrs A Carey) D Carey 6-10-7 ..... Miss E J Jones (7) 80
9 PU5606- DAMCADA 143 (S) (E4 Racing) D Wintle 6-10-7 ..... J Connolly (5) 71

Long handicap: Austhorpe Sunset 10-3, Shafayif 9-9, Double U Dee 8-7, Gilbert 8-1, Damcada 7-7.
BETTING: 6-4 Society Guest, 7-2 Secret Four, 4-1 Ballet Royal, 6-1 Shafayif, Austhorpe Sunset, 8-1 others.
1993: ARRAN VIEW 7-10-2 J Llewellyn (15-8) B Llewellyn 7 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J White	3	11	27.3	R Dunwoody	21	82	25.6
M Pipe	53	202	26.2	J Lower	10	43	23.3
N Twiston-Davies	12	63	19	G Bradley	7	39	17.9
N Henderson	6	36	16.7	J Kavanagh	3	17	17.6
J Old	4	24	16.7	A Maguire	10	59	16.9
P Hobbs	11	68	16.2	M Perrett	5	30	16.7
R Balding	10	71	14.1	T Grantham	3	20	15.0

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newmarket

Going: good to firm

1.45 (6f) 1, Alasib (M J Kinane, 9-1); 2, Daring Destiny (5-1 fav); 3, Luana (10-1) 13 ran. ¾l, 1l. W Jarvis. Tote £12.20; £3.50, £2.90, £3.50. DF: £63.20. Trio: £235 10. CSF: £47.85. Tricast: £416.69.

2.20 (1m 4f) 1, Sadler's Image (M J Kinane, 13-2); 2, Strategic Choice (15-2); 3, Kithanga (15-8 fav). 9 ran. Nk, 1¾l. M Stoute. Tote £7.80; £2.10, £3.10, £1.10. DF: £69.80. Trio: £28.40. CSF: £46.44.

2.50 (7f) 1, Polish Admiral (G Duffield, 5-2 fav); 2, Governor George (16-1); 3, New Capricorn (10-1). 11 ran. ½l, nk. C Wall. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £4.10, £3.20. DF: £31.00. Trio: £191.50. CSF: £37.83. Tricast: £317.60.

3.25 (7f) 1, Annus Mirabilis (M J Kinane, 5-2 fav); 2, Muhab (100-30); 3, Downclose (7-1). 7 ran. NR: Captain's Day, Soloboy. 1¾l, 1¾l. M Stoute. Tote: £3.70; £1.80, £1.90. DF: £5.40. Trio: £18.30. CSF: £11.18.

3.55 (1m 2f) 1, Sherman (W Ryan, 11-1); 2, Walsham Whisper (14-1); 3, Shafir (16-1). Beaming 5-1 jt-fav. 15 ran. NR: Airport. Nk, 1l. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £14.30; £4.00, £5.70, £5.60. DF: £215.20. Trio: £1,299.60 (part won: pool of £640.67 carried forward to 3.35 at Newmarket today). CSF: £144.09. Tricast: £2,226.05.

4.30 (1m 6f) 1, Tudor Island (M Roberts, 7-1); 2, Transom (5-1 fav); 3, Trans Siberia (14-1); 4, Shujan (9-1). 16 ran. 1¾l, nk. C Brittain. Tote: £8.10; £2.10, £1.70, £3.10, £2.20. DF: £16.20. Trio: £69.50. CSF: £39.88. Tricast: £447.32.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £51,151.75 carried forward to Newmarket today).
Placepot: £639.00. Quadpot: £125.40.

4.25 (1m 2f) 1, Luhuk (R Hughes, 4-1); 2, Zilzal Zamaan (7-2); 3, Young Buster (13-8 fav). 6 ran. NR: Revelation. 2½l, ¾l. J Dunlop. Tote: £5.50; £2.40, £1.60. DF: £8.20. CSF: £16.67.

Tote: £11.80; £3.00, £2.10, £1.60. DF: £25.40. Trio: £54.20. CSF: £69.64. Tricast: £266.59.

4.55 (1m) 1, Mr Rough (Stephen Davies, 20-1); 2, King Parrot (20-1); 3, Morocco (20-1); 4, Move Smartly (12-1). Broughton Singer 4-1 fav. 23 ran. NR: Prince Songline, State Of Affairs. ½l, sh hd. D Morris. Tote: £32.40; £5.10, £4.70, £5.30, £2.70. DF: £855.40. Trio: £1,024.10 (part won, pool of £721.22 carried forward to 2.45 at Goodwood today). CSF: £335.73. Tricast: £7,098.44.

5.25 (5f) 1, Kildee Lad (J Williams, 12-1); 2, Moujeeb (7-2 fav); 3, Distant Dynasty (50-1); 4, Random (14-1). 17 ran. ½l, ½l. A Jones. Tote: £16.80; £2.80, £1.70, £7.00, £2.20. DF: £43.90. Trio: £365.40. CSF: £53.04. Tricast: £1,913.01.

Placepot: £202.90. Quadpot: £48.90.

Goodwood

Going: good to firm

2.15 (7f) 1, Hi-Aud (S Sanders, 25-1); 2, Tachycardia (12-1); 3, Danish Connection (14-1); 4, Apollono (7-1). Second Cello 6-1 fav. 20 ran. 2l, nk. J Akehurst. Tote £71.40; £11.00, £1.90, £2.60, £1.80. DF: £874.50. Trio: £810.20. CSF: £280.69. Tricast: £3,937.94.

2.45 (6f) 1, Green City (B Thomson, 16-1); 2, Merry Oaks (15-8 fav); 3, Storm Flash (6-1). 7 ran. Hd, 3½l. R Hannon. Tote: £16.10; £4.00, £1.60. DF: £12.20. CSF: £44.34.

3.20 (7f) 1, Soviet Line (W R Swinburn, 2-1 fav); 2, Alanees (33-1); 3, Anucah (6-1). 9 ran. ¾l, nk. M Stoute. Tote: £2.40; £1.20, £4.30, £2.20. DF: £25.40. Trio: £100.80. CSF: £47.70.

3.50 (1m 4f) 1, Acting Brave (A Clark, 10-1); 2, Referential (7-1); 3, Minsaia (7-2 jt-fav). Minnesota Viking 7-2 jt-fav. 9 ran. NR: Golden Memories. 3l, 1¾l. G Harwood.

Hexham

Going: good to firm (firm in places)

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, Mister Hyde (A Maguire, 100-30 fav); 2, Mr Bean (7-2); 3, Anthony Bell (14-1). 12 ran. 5l, 2½l. W Storey. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £1.60, £4.70. DF: £4.90. CSF: £13.83.

2.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Royal Vacation (J Callaghan, 5-4 fav); 2, Fruitman (14-1); 3, Forward Glen (10-1). 8 ran. 5l, 1½l. G Moore. Tote: £2.00; £1.50, £2.20, £3.00. DF: £10.80. CSF: £17.58.

3.05 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Manor Court (J Burke, 14-1); 2, Soloman Springs (8-1); 3, Sounds Golden (11-2). Ela Billante 5-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Trojnevad. 1l, 4l. D Lamb. Tote: £25.60; £6.70, £3.20. DF: £74.50. CSF: £106.73. Tricast: £635.98.

3.40 (2m hdle) 1, Emerald Venture (Pat Caldwell, 11-4); 2, Home Park (7-1); 3, Local Flyer (13-8 fav). 7 ran. ¾l, 1l. T Caldwell. Tote: £3.60; £1.70, £3.20. DF: £8.50. CSF: £19.22.

4.15 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Stay Awake (P Niven, 2-1 fav); 2, Super Trucker (11-4); 3, Silver Haze (7-1). 4 ran. NR: Czermno. 3½l, ½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.60; £2.20. DF: £3.20. CSF: £5.25. Czermno (9-2) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 15p in pound.

4.45 (3m hdle) 1, Glendalane Lady (R McGrath, 15-8 fav); 2, Integrity Boy (4-1); 3, Flass Vale (7-1). 6 ran. 6l, 2½l. J J O'Neill. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £2.00. DF: £4.20. CSF: £8.88.

5.15 (2m flat) 1, Willa Telmar (S Taylor, 11-2); 2, Wise Advice (6-5 fav); 3, Merchant (10-1). 15 ran. NR: Asmanna, Diddy Rymer. 2½l, 7l. J Johnson. Tote: £7.80; £1.60, £1.30, £4.80. DF: £12.50. CSF: £13.51.

Placepot: £319.90. Quadpot: £55.50 (part won; pool of £45.00 carried forward to Newmarket today).

Rothenberger prepares in fine style

By Jenny MacArthur

SVEN Rothenberger, of Holland, confirmed himself as favourite for Wembley's inaugural Volvo Dressage World Cup qualifier today when he and his Dutch-bred mare, Bo, won the Masterlock Recruitment Grand Prix at The Horse of the Year Show yesterday. The first 12 in the competition qualify for today's event, a freestyle to music test.

Ferdi Eilberg, of Britain, produced one of his most correct tests on Arun Tor, the horse he rode at this year's world championships in The Hague, to finish second. It is the first time the partnership has finished ahead of Britain's national champions, Emil Faurie and Virtu, who were third, a fraction of a point behind.

Rothenberger, 28, was a member of the German gold medal-winning team at the 1990 world championships before taking up Dutch nationality "for family and business reasons". The winner of the World Cup on Andiamo in 1990, he excells at the freestyle to music.

Today, when his main rival is likely to be his compatriot, Anky van Grunsven, the world champion, on Olympic Cocktail, he will try out a new programme, based on the music of West Side story: "Bo is a mare and doesn't always respond as I expect," he said yesterday. "I'm just hoping she'll have another good day."

Later, in the first show jumping event of the day, Mark McCourt, the stepson of a Staffordshire publican, gained a surprise win in the Woodhouse International Stakes after accepting a last-minute ride on his former top speed horse, Rossport Aquila.

McCourt, 25, whose grand prix horse, Lapaz, died after cutting an artery in the stable last November, sold the 15-year-old Aquila to his girlfriend, Holly Jackson, in April in order to build up a new, young string. As the horse was already qualified for Wembley, Jackson suggested a week ago that McCourt should ride him.

"He felt as good as ever," McCourt said after relegating Robert Smith, on Premier, to second place by almost two seconds. Several other leading partnerships were left in his wake, including John Whitaker and Everest Grannusch, the winners of the Everest national championships on Thursday night.

Joanna Dennis, 21 — who nearly upset the form book in Thursday's British women's championship when she and High Flyer II produced the fastest time in the jump-off but just clipped the last fence — did not have to wait long for her first Wembley win. Riding the same horse, she produced the only clear round in the three-horse jump-off to win the under-21 championship. Dennis, whose parents farm in North Yorkshire, had the advantage of going last after Emma Edwards, on Woodlands Clover, and Sarah Bowen, on JJ11, had both faulted at the first part of the double.

Having taken the edge off her 14-year-old gelding in the earlier Woodhouse Stakes — in which she finished fourth — she jumped carefully and faultlessly round the six-fence course: "He's better the more he jumps," she said afterwards. "He gets too sharp if he's not worked enough."

John Whitaker's finely-judged round in the Everest championship, when he gained his fifth national title, came after the most exciting jump-off of the week so far. Seven horses reached the final round in which Whitaker's younger brother, Michael, set a formidable standard with a clear round on Everest Midnight Madness, in 25.88sec.

William Funnell, on Comex, and Peter Murphy, on Orthos, had both collected four faults in their efforts to match Michael Whitaker's time. John Whitaker, who has won nearly £200,000 with Grannusch this year, seized his chance.

"I saw where the first three horses had turned by their footprints and knew I had to try and turn inside them," he said. He finished 0.2sec ahead of Michael Whitaker.

RESULTS

The Woodhouse International Stakes: 1, Rossport Aquila (M McCourt) 0 faults in 46.58sec; 2, Premier (R Smith) 0 in 48.49; 3, Fahrenheit (E Gundel, Ger) 0 in 53.38. The Under-21 Championship: 1, High Flyer II (J Dennis) 0 in 35.96; 2, Woodlands Clover (E Edwards) 4 in 32.43; 3, JJ11 (S Bowen) 4 in 34.86. Masterlock Recruitment Fei Grand Prix: 1, Bo (S Rothenberger, Holl) 69.1; 2, Arun Tor (F Eilberg, GB) 67.4; 3, Virtue (E Faurie, GB) 67.2; 4, Biotop (R Klimke, Ger) 67.1; 5, My Lord (N Capellmann-Biffar, Ger) 66.09; 6, Olympic Cocktail (A van Grunsven, Holl) 66.05.

The Everest Championships: 1, Everest Grannusch (J Whitaker) 0 in 25.88; 2, Everest Midnight Madness (M Whitaker) 0 in 25.88; 3, Comex (W Funnell) 4 in 25.69. The Osborne Refrigeration Hack of the Year: 1, Nobility (J A Friswell); 2, Treverva Verity (Mr and Mrs M Jerram). The Olympic Star Spotters Championship: 1, Abbervail Dream (D Lampard) 0 in 29.65; 2, Everest Aladdin (M Edgar) 0 in 30.55; 3, Upton's LB (M Watson) 0 in 30.70.



Smith, on Premier, on his way to taking second place in the Woodhouse International Stakes yesterday

Cyclist escapes drugs punishment

MALCOLM Elliott, a former winner of the Kellogg's Tour of Britain and the Milk Race, escaped punishment yesterday in spite of a positive drugs test after finishing second in the national professional road race championship on the Isle of Man last June. His lawyers exploited a technical loophole, claiming that the results of the test were made known first to the Sports Council and not, as required, the British Cycling Federation. That and other minor errors were sufficient for the test to be declared invalid.

After the routine test, Elliott's urine was found to contain Ma Huang, a derivative of ephedrine, above the permitted limit of 5 microgrammes per millilitre: his sample showed 7 microgrammes per millilitre. At the disciplinary hearing he said he had taken one tablet as a health supplement.

Els blazes to record

GOLF: Ernie Els, the US Open champion, returned a nine-under-par 63 in the opening round of the Mercedes German Masters at Motzener See, near Berlin yesterday. His playing partner, an out-of-sorts Colin Montgomerie, of Scotland, whom the South African beat in a play-off to win the US Open, managed only a 73 and will have to improve to survive the cut. Els later rebuked his partner, saying the Scot was playing too much. Els, establishing a record for the new course, finished one ahead of Russell Claydon, of Cambridge. He played the back nine first in a three under par 32, and then covered the outward half in a six-under 31.

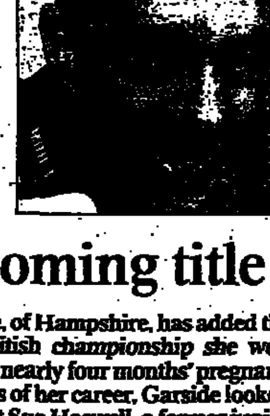
Russell sets pace

MOTOR CYCLING: Scott Russell, of the United States, set a scorching pace during yesterday's free practice for the penultimate round of the world superbike championship at Donington Park, which takes place tomorrow. The defending champion, riding a Kawasaki, took a quarter of a second off the lap record at 94.98mph. The championship leader, Carl Fogarty, 28, from Blackburn, was the second-fastest rider, half a second down on Russell, on his works Ducati.

Bett considers gamble

BASKETBALL: Mike Bett, coach of the Thames Valley Tigers, who lost 82-62 at home to Buckler Bologna in the first leg of the European Championship second preliminary round, must decide whether to risk playing Hal Henderson, Thames Valley's American guard, in the second leg in Italy next Thursday. Henderson played the first half on Thursday with a suspected broken thumb. Bett said: "It will be tough to win the tie now but, it's important that we put up a good show and win the game over there."

Boardman doubt



CYCLING: Chris Boardman, right, Britain's double world road and track champion, is confident he will shake off the effects of a virus before next Saturday's opening meeting of the national cycling centre velodrome, Manchester. Boardman is, however, expected to miss the Merseyside Wheelers 32-mile tour of Delamere Forest, which takes place tomorrow, in Cheshire, as a precaution.

Another blooming title

REAL TENNIS: Alex Garside, of Hampshire, has added the French Open title to the British championship she won earlier this year, despite being nearly four months' pregnant. Playing some of the best tennis of her career, Garside looked sharp in her semi-final against Sue Haswell, a former junior lawn tennis international. She then came through in determined style against Katrina Allen in the final, coping well with the lively and unpredictable Fontainebleau court.

Charitable cause

WE have been asked to make clear that the meal of lobster Newburg and roast veal with wild mushrooms, consumed by Ian Botham and his colleagues at Llandudno during his walk to raise funds for Leukaemia research, was provided and paid for by Sir Clement Freud. This corrects any misapprehension given in the Freud on Friday column yesterday.

Scot proves too slick for Davis

From Phil Yates in Dubai

JOHN Higgins recorded the finest victory of his three-year professional career when he beat Steve Davis 5-4 in the first round of the Dubai Duty Free Classic here at the Al Nasr stadium yesterday.

Higgins, 19, from Motherwell, captured the Australian open title in August and compiled a tournament record 144 total clearance in the final qualifying round of this event last month, but it still came as a considerable surprise that he overcame Davis. The player, who has been world and United Kingdom champion six times, has not been beaten in his opening match at a world-ranking tournament since he lost to Wayne Jones in the 1992 Dubai Classic, but looked woefully out of touch as Higgins established a 4-1 lead.

Davis stole the third frame on the pink with a 48 clearance but missed two easy blues in the fourth and took on an ambitious pink across the baulk cushion in the next which allowed Higgins to forge ahead. However, Davis then began to utilise his famed fighting qualities. Breaks of 60, 45 and 61 helped him level at 4-4 and Higgins admitted to "feeling numb".

The deciding ninth frame, a tense 30-minute affair, came down to the blue. Davis fluked a snooker behind the black but Higgins escaped and, off the side cushion, he clipped the blue into a top pocket to leave Davis requiring snookers. Higgins, the world No 51, did not try to hide his relief.

"I honestly thought I'd blown it. I don't think Steve played anywhere near his best but I'm certainly not complaining about the result," he said. The Scot now meets Ronnie O'Sullivan, the United Kingdom champion, or Dave Finbow in the last 16.

Terry Griffiths marked his seasonal debut with a 5-2 victory over Gary Wilkinson.

RESULTS: First round: T Griffiths (Wales) bt G Wilkinson (Eng) 5-2; J Higgins (Scot) bt S Davis (Eng) 5-4; D Morgan (Wales) bt D Reynolds (Eng) 5-3; N Bond (Eng) bt N Fruin (Eng) 5-2.

Richards takes charisma title

By David Rhys Jones

THANK heavens for Wynne Richards, the Welsh-born champion of Surrey, who takes on Andy Thomson in the semi-final of the Saga International Open bowls championship at the Preston Guild Hall today.

Richards, an extrovert, has considerably enlivened proceedings on the portable rink where few players dare to show their emotions. Wearing his heart on his sleeve, he is good television.

When he plays a shot, he celebrates; when he makes a mistake, which, it must be said, he does more frequently than several of his poker-faced rivals, he lets everyone within earshot know about it. In a sport where smiles and frowns are in short supply, his face runs the expressive gamut from joy through frustration to despair. He even shouts at his jack-bound bowls, clearly expecting them to do what they are told.

David Harrison, the World Indoors Bowls Council tournament director, approves. "Wynne is a born entertainer who communicates his sense of enjoyment and keeps the spectators on their toes," he said. "We could do with a few more like him."

Richards, frankly, is not the game's most consistent player, but even that fault endears him to his followers. He went to sleep for a set against Ian Taylor, of Australia, on Thursday night, but bounced back to win 7-4, 0-7, 7-2, 7-5.

Today, in a clash of exiles, Richards, who was born in Troedyrhiw, near Merthyr Tydfil, faces Thomson, who was born in St Andrews, in the kingdom of Fife. Thomson, like Richards, has a sense of theatre, but an altogether more intense stage presence, as befits the world indoor singles champion and the championship's No 1 seed.

He is the leading man. Yesterday's quarter-final between Thomson and Graham Robertson, a tax inspector from East Lothian, was a cracker — the best match of the championship so far. "It would have made a good final," someone, rightly, said.

Robertson is dour, thorough and ruthless, qualities that he no doubt borrows from his day job. He simply does not know when he is beaten.

For five sets the battle raged, and for almost four hours. Thomson won the first set 7-2, Robertson the next two, 7-5, 7-6, before Thomson squared the match with a 7-2 win in the fourth. Luck, good and bad, played its part in the final set, but it was fairly equally shared between the two protagonists.

Robertson led 4-2, but Thomson scored the next four shots, and so got home, by the skin of his teeth, 7-5.

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2.05 EVENING SENTINEL NOVICES HURDLE (£3,009: 2m) (16 runners)

1 3- DAWN FLIGHT 19F J Jenkins 5-10-12 — A P McCoy (5)
2 000- LEENEY 225 J Bosley 5-10-12 — M Bosley
3 /P SIDNEY SMITH 21 A Bailey 6-10-12 — N Mann
4 324 SIRTELIMAR 7 (BF) K Bailey 5-10-12 — N Williamson
5 0/ TALENTED TING 12F P Hoslam 5-10-12 — J Callaghan
6 34- THE PADRE 208 Miss H Knight 5-10-12 — R Farrant
7 55- FINE SIR 282 T Thomson Jones 4-10-11 — S Smith Eccles
8 00-2 HEART OF SPAIN 7 P Bevan 4-10-11 — T Wall
9 PRESTON GUILD 12F A Forbes 4-10-11 — T Eley (3)
10 320- ROMALITO 9F M Blanchard 4-10-11 — D Gallagher
11 220- STIR FRY 168 P Hobbs 4-10-11 — Peter Hobbs
12 30-3 TENBIT 15 N Twiston-Davies 4-10-11 — C Llewellyn
13 0/ FIELDHAVEN 516 Miss S Wilton 5-10-7 — D J Burchell
14 0/P- MY GIRL FRIDAY 168F W Clay 5-10-7 — Diane Clay
15 F5 CHILI LADY 51 R Brotherton 4-10-6 — W Marston
16 PETAL'S JARRED 30F Mrs J Ramsden 4-10-6 — R Garritty

3-1 The Padre, 7-2 Stir Fry, 9-2 Sirtelimar, 5-1 Petal's Jarred, 6-1 others.

2.35 NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ADVERTISER SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,019: 3m 110yd) (15)

1 1P0- ULLSWATER 343 (F,S) M Ryan 8-11-10 — J Ryan
2 -531 DOMINION TREASURE 24 (F,G,S) R Baker 9-11-9 — D Reddy (7)
3 043- STATION EXPRESS 123 (F,G) J Dooler 6-11-9 — S Mason
4 00-2 ALICANTE 21 (F) D McCain 7-11-5 — D McCain (5)
5 3R-3 VOLCANIC DANCER 63 (V) Mrs N Macauley 8-11-5 — N Williamson
6 40-0 SPANISH WHISPER 7 (B,S) J Bostock 7-11-5 — A S Smith
7 61-3 KEDGE 14 (B,S) W Clay 4-11-4 — Diane Clay
8 4104 NEGATORY 7 (C,D,F,G,S) M Chapman 7-11-4 — W Worthington
9 0P-0 CHIROPODIST 9 (V,F,S) A J Wilson 10-10-11 — D Leahy (3)
10 F6-4 BRIBETINA 21 (G) J Bradley 6-10-9 — R Farrant
11 F6-3 TAP DANCING 18 (G) J Allen 8-10-7 — Mr N Bradley (7)
12 P-4P SILVERCROSS LAD 30 (F) R Jecles 11-10-3 — W Marston
13 3652 BAYBEEJAY 24 (C,G) R Brotherton 7-10-3 — C Llewellyn
14 55/ WREKIN COLLEGE 565 B Preece 6-10-2 — T Wall
15 /0-P MARIE BABY 7 (S) G Roe 10-10-0 — R Bellamy

4-1 Dominion Treasure, 6-1 Kedge, 7-1 Alicante, 8-1 Ullswater, 10-1 others.

3.05 STAFFORDSHIRE YEOMANRY CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES CHASE (£4,241: 2m 7f) (9)

1 -213 ADAMARE 14 (C,F,G) J Mackie 10-11-6 — T Eley
2 P1 CAPTAIN CHANCE 7 (G) Mrs C Coward 6-11-6 — N Williamson
3 2-12 COSMIC FORCE 14 (F,G) C Broad 10-11-6 — Jacqui Oliver
4 232- CAMAN 388 B Rothwell 7-11-0 — B Storey
5 0P-6 KNIGHTLY ARGUS 17 (F,S) M Heaton-Ellis 7-11-0 — D Gallagher
6 0P/ MURPHY STREET 529 Mrs A Barclay 8-11-0 — Mr S Joynes
7 0PP- MY PARTNER 168 D McCain 8-11-0 — D McCain
8 P/P ASCOT DELPHINIUM 21 J Webber 7-10-9 — R Bellamy
9 3-3U RIP THE CALICO 42 (BF,F) K Wingrove 6-10-9 — J Ryan

7-4 Cosmic Force, 11-4 Adamare, 5-1 Captain Chance, 7-1 others.

3.35 TECHNIC GROUP PLC HANDICAP CHASE FOR THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD CHALLENGE TROPHY (£10,285: 3m 2f) (10)

1 P01- EARTH SUMMIT 168 (B,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-12-0 — C Llewellyn
2 521- MERRY MASTER 124 (F,G,S) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 10-11-4 — Gee Armytage
3 P2P- BONSAI BUD 177 (D,F,G,S) D M Smith 11-10-11 — D Gallagher
4 0-21 HARRISTOWN LADY 28 (B,F,G) P Hobbs 7-10-11 — S Smith Eccles
5 1-45 SARAVILLE 21 (D,F,G,S) F Jordan 7-10-10 — J Lodder
6 51-4 KUSHBALOO 24 (F,G) C Parker 9-10-5 — B Storey
7 134- HILLWALK 168 (G,S) R Curtis 8-10-4 — M Richards
8 55P- FARDROSS 178 (C,G) K Bailey 8-10-1 — N Williamson
9 04F- THE FORTIES 250 (CD,F,G) T Bill 9-10-0 — A Thornton
10 PP0- SOONER STILL 175 (B,CD,F,G,S) C Cowley 10-10-0 — Judy Davies (7)

9-4 Earth Summit, 7-2 Merry Master, 9-2 Harristown Lady, 8-1 Kushbaloo, Fardross, 10-1 Hillwalk, 14-1 Bonsai Bud, 16-1 others.

4.05 STAFFORDSHIRE REGIMENT CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,550: 2m) (11)

1 100- RATIFY 152 (D,G,S) K Morgan 7-12-0 — A S Smith
2 1114 SUIVEZ 15 (D,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 4-11-0 — N Williamson
3 432- BALLYHYLAND 121 (D,G,S) J Webber 5-11-0 — R Bellamy
4 1-21 BIGWHEEL BILL 5 (V,F,G) J Jenkins 5-10-13 (7ex) — A P McCoy (5)
5 211- DESTINY CALLS 154 (CD,G) N Gaselee 4-10-11 — C Llewellyn
6 P30- DOOLAR 158 (CD,F,G,S) P Dalton 7-10-7 — W Marston
7 22-6 SILLIAN 21 (D,F,G,S) Mrs A Hewitt 12-10-6 — Peter Hobbs
8 116- TEST MATCH 138 (CD,G,S) W Clay 7-10-4 — Diane Clay
9 P1P- HEATHYARDS BOY 232F (CD,G,S) R Hollinshead 4-10-3 — S Wynne (3)
10 63-U AMBASSADOR ROYALE 9 (D,F,G) Miss A Broyd 6-10-0 — R Supple
11 -131 ASTERIX 24 (F) J Bradley 6-10-0 — Guy Lewis (5)

5-2 Destiny Calls, 7-2 Bigwheel Bill, 5-1 Ratify, 6-1 Suivez, 7-1 Ballyhyland, 10-1 Asterix, 14-1 Test Match, 16-1 others.

4.35 QUEEN'S ROYAL LANCERS CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£5,227: 2m 5f) (9)

1 114- MAN OF MYSTERY 157 (G,S) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-10 — C Llewellyn
2 350- WILLSFORD 168 (C,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 11-11-6 — W Marston
3 P/P CASHEW KING 7 (V,F,G,S) P Evans 11-11-6 — Gary Lyons
4 1/2- TOUREEN PRINCE 364 (G,S) Miss H Knight 11-11-6 — Mr J M Pritchard
5 -212 ALWAYS REMEMBER 21 (D,BF,F,G) P Hobbs 7-10-10 — Peter Hobbs
6 33-P MR ENTERTAINER 21 (C,F,G,S) N Gaselee 11-10-4 — R Supple
7 40P- STEPFASTER 143 (F,G) Miss L Siddall 9-10-1 — A Thornton
8 431- AUVILLAR 129 (V,D,F,G,S) D Burchell 6-10-0 — D J Burchell
9 -134 OH SO BOLD 10 (G) J Bradley 7-10-0 — R Farrant

9-4 Man Of Mystery, 7-2 Toureen Prince, 9-2 Always Remember, 6-1 Willsford, 7-1 Auvillar, 10-1 Mr Entertainer, Oh So Bold, 20-1 others.

5.05 GREEN'UN (SPORTS FINAL) NOVICES HURDLE (£2,827: 2m 6f 110yd) (10)

1 60-3 CERTAIN ANGLE 17 (G) P Hobbs 5-10-12 — Peter Hobbs
2 /35- LIE DETECTOR 199 O Sherwood 6-10-12 — J Osborne
3 F/0- LIME STREET 373 Mrs A Barclay 6-10-12 — Mr S Joynes (7)
4 -326 TUROLDUS 22 P Dalton 9-10-12 — W Marston
5 /33 USHAK 22 J Webber 6-10-12 — R Bellamy
6 5 JAMANE 7 T Donnelly 4-10-10 — T Eley (3)
7 5-43 SHAMSHADAL 22 J Jenkins 4-10-10 — A P McCoy (5)
8 4- TIGERSONG 304 K Bailey 4-10-10 — N Williamson
9 P/5 COMMANCHE DRIFTER 15 J Bostock 6-10-7 — A S Smith
10 P/F- KELLY'S COURT 207 Mrs N Macauley 8-10-7 — R Davis

9-4 Tigersong, 5-2 Lie Detector, 3-1 Certain Angle, 8-1 Shamshadal, Ushak, 14-1 Lime Street, Turoldus, 20-1 others.

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TRAINERS: O Sherwood, 12 winners from 46 runners, 26.1%; N Twiston-Davies, 12 from 53, 22.6%; K Bailey, 14 from 63, 22.2%; M Ryan, 3 from 14, 21.4%; T Thomson Jones, 4 from 19, 21.1%.

JOCKEYS: Jacqui Oliver, 4 winners from 13 rides, 30.8%; J Osborne, 23 from 88, 26.1%; N Mann, 8 from 40, 20.0%; S Smith Eccles, 6 from 32, 18.8%; C Llewellyn, 11 from 71, 15.5%.

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7.00 SAPPHIRE HANDICAP (£2,952: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

1 2123 GOLD SURPRISE 5 (CD,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 5-9-10 — J Fortune 8
2 2443 SWORDKING 14 (C,G,S) J L Harris 5-9-10 — J Carroll 7
3 3140 CHARLIE BIGTIME 12 (CD,F) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-9 — A Mackay 12
4 0465 LORD NITROGEN 89 (D,G) R Emery 4-9-9 — M Fenton (3) 11
5 3000 ROUSITTO 14 (CD,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 6-9-8 — K Darley 9
6 1444 CARROLLS MARC 28 (CD,BF,F,G) P Haslam 6-9-7 — J Stack (5) 5
7 1645 BARTI-DDU 14 (CD,G) S Williams 3-9-5 — P McCabe (5) 2
8 0010 AKHTRAA 3 (G,S) P Mitchell 4-9-3 — G Duffield 4
9 1333 KISMETIM 33 (CD,G) B Meehan 4-9-3 — R Perham 10
10 -500 DAKOTA BRAVE 16 J Pearce 3-9-2 — G Bardwell 1
11 0144 ORANGE EXTREME 16 (V,D,G) A Hide 3-9-1 — Dale Gibson 6
12 00-0 REMEMBER THIS 152 C Cyzer 4-8-12 — J D Smith (5) 3

3-1 Swordking, 5-1 Kismetim, 8-1 Gold Surprise, Akhtraa, 8-1 others.

7.30 AMETHYST CLAIMING STAKES (£2,415: 7f) (12)

1 5000 KING RAT 8 (C,D,F,G) M Johnston 3-9-4 — T Williams 4
2 0014 DREAM CARRIER 8 (CD,F,G) T Barron 6-8-13 — J Fortune 6
3 4008 SO RHYTHMICAL 21 (D,F,G,S) G Eden 10-8-13 — J Quinn 1
4 0406 BATTLE COLOURS 15 (D,BF,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-11 — J Fanning 10
5 -000 CHEVEUX MITCHELL 8 (V,D,F,G) M Channon 7-8-11 — R Hughes 5
6 4330 PILLOW TALK 35 (F) C Cyzer 3-8-9 — J D Smith (5) 8
7 20-0 SENSE OF PRIORITY 18 (D,F,G) M H Easterby 5-8-7 — K Darley 2
8 0020 COMMON LAW 10 (S) M Channon 4-8-4 — J Stack (5) 9
9 3200 GALLERY ARTIST 28 (C,D,G,S) R Guest 6-8-4 — A Whelan (7) 11
10 000- MOST SURPRISING 7J (F) R Jocles 5-8-3 — Dale Gibson 3
11 1300 GWERNYMYNYDD 14 (D,G) S Norton 3-8-1 — D Denby (7) 7
12 0505 MUTINIQUE 8 (D,S) M Pipe 3-7-13 — G Bardwell 12

5-2 Pillow Talk, 3-1 Dream Carrier, 4-1 Battle Colours, 6-1 King Rat, 8-1 others.

8.00 PINK ICE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,739: 6f) (13)

1 AADAMN R Fisher 9-0 — J Fanning 1
2 DANCING-ALONE J Payne 9-0 — E Guest 4
3 0 FAIRY'S SON 16 M Stoute 9-0 — M Fenton (3) 9
4 00 KEYS SEMINAR 12 N Callaghan 9-0 — J Quinn 11
5 54 MALANDROS 38 R Charlton 9-0 — K Darley 2
6 50 RED SPECTACLE 124 P Haslam 9-0 — J Stack (5) 10
7 0 SCALE THE SUMMIT 14 M Prescott 9-0 — G Duffield 12
8 STAROFGREATINTENT Miss G Kelleway 9-0 — T Williams 3
9 6000 MERELY A MADAM 12 D Haydn Jones 8-9 — A Mackay 8
10 06 MOORLAND MAGIC 53 R Baker 8-9 — M Wigham 5
11 06 NEEDWOOD NEWT 70 B McMahon 8-9 — Dale Gibson 6
12 00 PERTEMPS PARTNER 21 B McMahon 8-9 — J Fortune 13
13 RISKY BABY B McMath 8-9 — E Johnson 7

6-4 Malandros, 7-1 Fairy's Son, 8-1 Scale The Summit, 10-1 others.

8.30 DIAMOND HANDICAP (£3,210: 1m 1f 79yd) (13)

1 6564 KINTWYN 10 (G) D Laing 4-9-12 — S Whitworth 6
2 0000 DAM CERTAIN 16 (B,CD,F,G) R Ingram 5-9-10 — A Whelan (7) 3
3 5464 GOLD BLADE 70 (F,G) J Pearce 5-9-8 — G Bardwell 11
4 6930 IN A MOMENT 12 (V,G) S Norton 3-9-6 — T Marsden (7) 1
5 2130 MR DEVIOUS 66 (F,G,S) C Allen 3-9-6 — J Carroll 7
6 2000 TANDIA 12 (B,F) M Pipe 3-9-6 — R Hughes 8
7 2125 KILLING TIME 196 (V,CD,G) R Phillips 3-9-5 — M Fenton (3) 13
8 0266 RED WHIRLWIND 5 B McMath 4-9-3 — E Johnson 9
9 4100 SWYNFORD FLYER 3 (CD,F,G) J A Harris 5-9-0 — Dale Gibson 2
10 2310 MBULWA 21 (B,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 8-8-8 — J Fortune 12
11 6044 SHERGRESS 14 S Williams 4-8-11 — M Wigham 5
12 0000 BACKSTABBER 85 (G) S Coathup 4-8-9 — T Williams 4
13 3041 ROCKSTINE 25 (G) P Mitchell 3-8-8 — G Duffield 10

7-2 Rockstine, 5-1 Kintwyn, 6-1 Mr Devious, 7-1 Gold Blade, 8-1 others.

9.00 EMERALD SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,174: 5f) (13)

1 2130 LADY QUINTA 38 (D,G) J Berry 9-7 — P Roberts (7) 4
2 3060 SOUTHERN DOMINION 25 W G M Turner 9-7 — J D Smith (5) 5
3 0404 RIVER SEINE 11 R Baker 9-7 — M Wigham 11
4 5060 TOMMANION 14 R Thompson 9-5 — M Fenton (3) 13
5 2450 ONEINEVERYCOLOUR 23 (D,F) P Evans 9-4 — J Fortune 2
6 0003 POLY LAUREON 4 (D,F) M Channon 9-3 — R Hughes 10
7 3000 LAWNSWOOD LADY 12 R Hollinshead 9-2 — A Culhane 7
8 3206 CULSYTH LADY 12 J Berry 9-0 — J Carroll 12
9 6020 BRANSTON KRISTY 37 (V) C Smith 8-13 — K Rutter (3) 1
10 3250 POCKET EDITION 7 (B,D,G) M H Easterby 8-12 — S Maloney 8
11 060 CHOCOLATE CHIP 23 (B) C James 8-12 — Dale Gibson 9
12 000 PRECIOUS TIMES 16 M Meagher 8-11 — J Quinn 6
13 0650 HO MEI SURPRISE 26 B Preece 8-9 — S Sanders (5) 3

3-1 Lady Quinta, 4-1 Poly Laureon, 5-1 Pocket Edition, 6-1 Oneineverycolour, 7-1 River Seine, 8-1 Ho Mei Surprise, 10-1 others.

9.30 RUBY APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,586: 6f) (13)

1 1001 RED ADMIRAL 14 (CD,G) P Haslam 4-10-0 — Nicola Howarth (5) 8
2 6043 CAHERASS COURT 14 B Meehan 3-9-7 — D O'Neill (3) 13
3 6656 BOLD ARISTOCRAT 29 (G) R Hollinshead 3-9-3 — A Eddery (5) 11
4 0000 MONSIEUR PETONG 8 (D,G) M Channon 3-9-3 — R Painter 1
5 2530 ANTONIA'S FOLLY 16 (BF,S) J Berry 3-9-1 — P Roberts 3
6 1350 LIFE'S A BREEZE 14 (C,D,G) P Felgate 5-8-11 — D Griffiths 7
7 2060 OLD COMRADES 8 (D,F,G) T Barron 7-8-8 — Kimberley Hart (7) 10
8 6062 GALAXY EXPRESS 28 (F,G) G Eden 6-8-4 — A Whelan 6
9 005 THE REAL WHIZZBANG 18 P Felgate 3-8-3 — J D Smith 5
10 0450 TEE GEE JAY 16 (D,S) P Felden 4-8-2 — Jo Hunnam (5) 9
11 0042 BLACK BOY 5 (V) R Marvin 5-8-2 — D Denby (5) 2
12 4469 LAST STRAW 5 (V,D,G) B Preece 6-7-13 — S McAvoy 12
13 6500 FLORAC 12 (V,G) J Balding 4-7-10 — Claire Balding 4

7-2 Red Admiral, 9-2 Galaxy Express, 5-1 Antonia's Folly, 6-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Johnston, 16 winners from 40 runners, 40.0%; R Ingram, 3 from 8, 37.5%; M Prescott, 8 from 23, 34.8%; P Felgate, 3 from 11, 27.3%; P Haslam, 14 from 54, 25.9%.

JOCKEYS: G Duffield, 6 winners from 21 rides, 28.6%; K Darley, 11 from 56, 19.6%; J Fortune, 3 from 17, 17.6%; T Williams, 5 from 40, 12.5%; G Bardwell, 5 from 41, 12.2%; A Mackay, 9 from 78, 11.5%.

Maguire banned

ADRIAN Maguire and Mick Fitzgerald were given three-day bans (October 9-11) after an incident at Hexham yesterday left Peter Caldwell in hospital with head injuries. As Maguire, on Master Hyde, and Fitzgerald, aboard Mr Bean, contested the lead in the novices' hurdle, the third, Royal Citizen, unseated Derek Byrne when short of room on the rails and brought down Fion Corn, ridden by Caldwell. The stewards found Maguire and Fitzgerald guilty of careless riding in not leaving enough room for Byrne on the rail.

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Wasps forced to deal with more than bruised egos

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

MUCH has been made of the need for international players to rest from their labours this season in order to peak next summer in the World Cup. Thus may clubs disguise during the Courage Clubs Championship, intentionally or otherwise, what they believe to be their strongest unit. Wasps, however, will hardly make that claim when they meet unbeaten Leicester at Sudbury this afternoon.

"I thought it was only bruised egos we brought back from Newcastle last weekend," one forward jested, but Wasps, unexpectedly beaten by West Hartlepool, have now been shorn, by injury, of both Hopley brothers, Greenstock, Dallaglio and Ryan, their captain. On the credit side, Andrew returns, as do those good clubmen, Kinsey and White, in the pack. A special cheer will also greet Pilgrim's emergence on the wing after a year in limbo.

The consequence (a 12-month suspension) of playing in a rugby league trial may not have been manifest to Pilgrim early in 1993, but it is now. He reappears a far more relaxed player, though whether he would wish to return against so distinguished an opponent as Tony Underwood, with whom he played for England Schools in 1986, is a matter for conjecture.

Leicester will beware the rebound effect. They have restored Harris at stand-off half and Cockerill at hooker, though Malone, the Ireland international stand-off, is due to get further chances in the letter J jersey. "I applaud Wasps for how they are trying to play the game, even if occasionally they throw the baby out with the bath water," Tony Russ, the Leicester director of coaching, said.

Mention of Bath produces the unusual case of Nigel Redman. One of England's great successes last season, the popular Redman is omitted from the side to play Gloucester at Kingsholm today, but not to rest. He plays in the second XV, while Haag is preferred alongside Reed in the second row and Ubogu moved from tight to loose-head prop. Bath, however, have spent the past decade in a variety of devious psychological ploys designed to bring the best out of their players, and you could argue they have been tolerably successful.

Brian Ashton, the Bath coach, is one of those critical of the Rugby Football Union for its failure to make adequate allowance for the effects of World Cup training. He would have preferred a nine-match championship decided before Christmas, with a further nine matches in the new year played for a "development" trophy and hinging upon tries scored, which would have given clubs such as his and Leicester the chance to rest players without league honours hinging on it.

Bridgend intend to enjoy their stay at the top of the Heineken League, however brief, and should do so at the expense of Abertillery, who have yet to open their first-division account. "We play the way I want to see rugby played," Steve Fenwick, their team manager, said, "and we won't be changing our approach just to get two points."

Two points, though, would do nicely for Cardiff to keep pace with Bridgend. They play Llanelli with Emyr Lewis, now the national No 8 designate, anxious to do well against his former club, who have yet to recover their equilibrium in the wake of Scott Quinnell's departure.

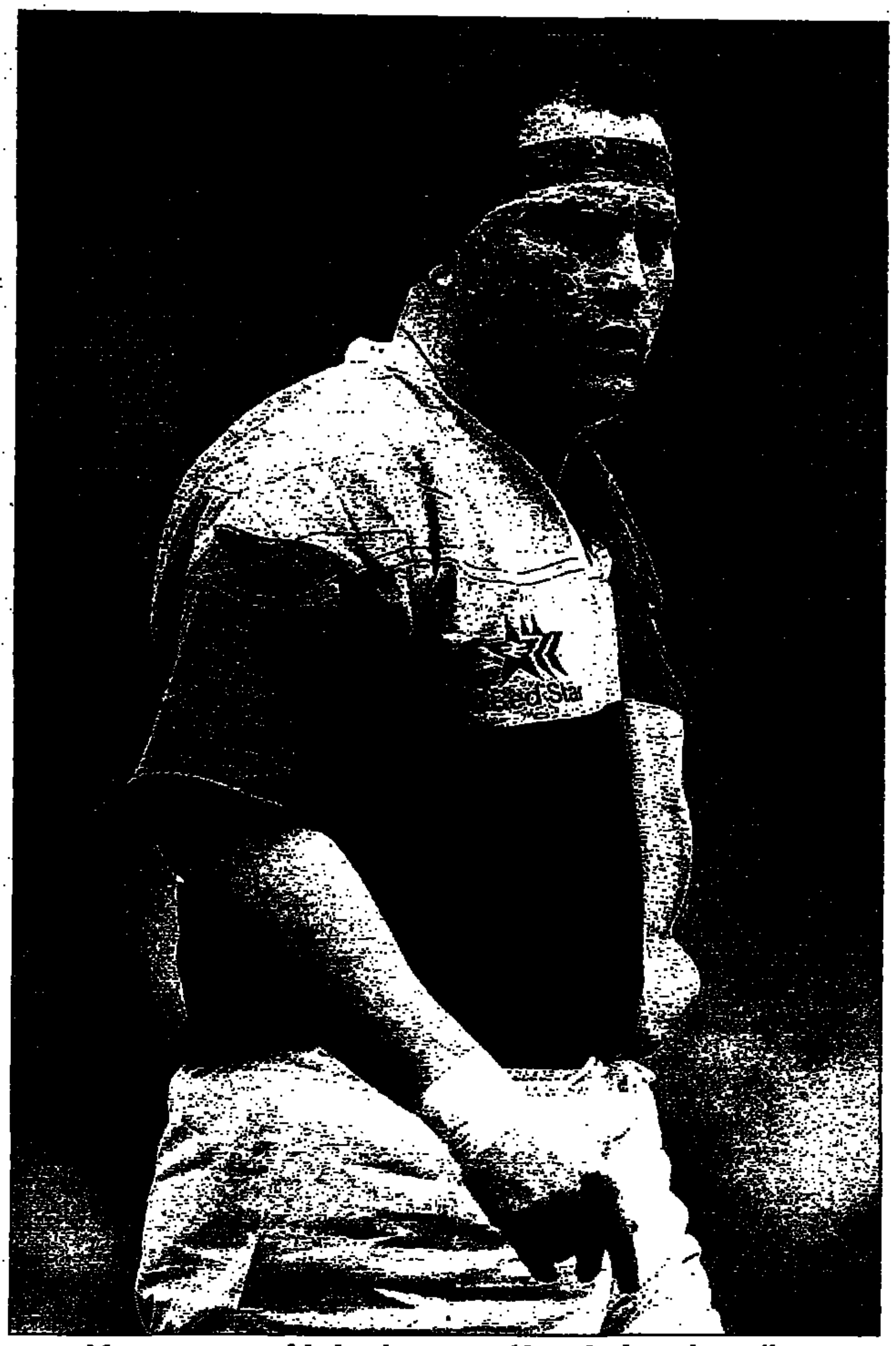
Jacques Fouroux, the former France coach who has hinted this season at the possibility of a professional circuit after the World Cup next year, tantalised still further yesterday. "Something is going to happen on November 21 in Paris when we will give a press conference," he said. "I won't be alone. We will explain a plan for change — maybe. The day after the World Cup ends, things will develop very quickly."

In the meantime, the World Cup seeding matches continue in Catania, where Italy play a Romania team showing four changes from that which lost last month to Wales.

Two climactic matches are taking place in the southern hemisphere. The Currie Cup final will be played out between Orange Free State and Transvaal in Bloemfontein and Canterbury defend the Ranfurly Shield against Otago before a sell-out 40,000 crowd at Lancaster Park.

Moore plans revival of fortunes

David Hands looks at the challenge facing the England hooker with his new responsibility as Harlequins' captain



Moore, possessor of the best-known scowl in rugby, has a demanding challenge in bringing success to Harlequins. Photograph: Allsport

Early days, comes the cry, yet few would have anticipated that the clubs propping up the first division at this stage would be Northampton, who today officially welcome Ian McGeechan as director of coaching, and Harlequins. With three games played, the Saints have yet to claim a league point and Harlequins did so only after a breathless finish against Sale.

So much for the "glamour" tag that others, almost automatically, attach to Harlequins; there is nothing glamorous about the basement, yet, to be fair both to Brian Moore and Keith Richardson, new captain and coach respectively this season, neither man perceives the club as such.

From day one, Richardson, born in the North East and whose rugby persona has been shaped — chiselled perhaps — by Gloucester, has entertained few illusions about his new role: "I believe that Harlequins are no different to any other rugby players," he said. "They want the same things and I have found none of this airy-fairy approach which so many people attribute to them."

Yet on the field, the London club has revealed a compromising lack of application: a twenty-point lead against Sale was nearly overtaken: Wasps were allowed to run in seven tries in a second-half almost devoid of decent defence; nor could they build on a first-half advantage at Bristol a week ago. More, as well as Moore, will be required at the Stoop memorial ground this afternoon against a West Hartlepool side buoyant after disposing of Wasps and bolstered by the presence on the flank of Rob Wainwright, the Scotland international.

Moore, owner of the best-known scowl in rugby, shrugs off the critical slings and arrows: "I always said it would be a two or three-year process. What creates good league performances? It's competition for places, which all the best sides have. That's probably why Bath win more than anyone else.

"The advent of Keith and me wasn't something that was going to create change overnight. Over the last few years, the star-studded epithet hasn't applied so much to us as to others. If you take Will [Carling] out of our back line, there is promise but no recognised talent. Look at Bath by comparison."

Moore gives equally short shrift to those who suggest he has too much on his plate: the club captaincy, his own playing form for club and country, various training requirements and spokesman for the national squad, all on top of his demanding job as a commercial litigation partner with a London firm. Others juggle with similar loads: Tim Rodber at Northampton, Dewi Morris at Orrell, Dean Richards at Leicester.

"I was asked to stand as captain, I felt it was the right time for Harlequins and for me, otherwise I continue much as I always have done. There is stress. It increases, but that's part of the reason why the game will be semi-professional in a few years."

The point about captaincy, or, at least, successful captains, is that very rarely can they be separated from successful teams. Harlequins, despite their cup record, are some distance from the sustained continuity that identifies a successful team and Moore has only a handful with whom to share the load — Carling, absent through injury today, whose pre-occupation is with England, Jason Leonard, Troy Coker and Andy Mullins.

Today's back division is almost as fresh-faced as an England Under-21 side: Will Greenwood, son of the former England coach, Richard, makes his debut at full back, while Keyter, Alexander and Kitchin, all have their way to make.

Moore argues that there is little wrong with the style of play that has enabled them to run up a decent number of points against all three opponents, but always in the first half: "If I knew the secret of getting them to play for 80 minutes, it wouldn't be a secret, but we have to be able to play over two halves." Unfashionable West have proved to themselves they can do so; high time that fashionable Harlequins emulated them.

Hoskin on French leave from leaders' league haul

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

HOWARD Hoskin, while working in Paris for the next few weeks, will play league hockey for the Racing Club of France leaving his brother, Mark, to continue without fraternal support in Reading's forward line. The French connection will continue until after Christmas.

Reading are joint leaders of the first division of the national league with Surbiton, and they meet tomorrow at Sonning Lane, Reading's home ground, where an exciting encounter is in prospect between two teams known for their powers of acceleration.

Wyatt continues to dominate the Reading defence, and the home side will aim to keep the game flowing with Edwards holding the middle line together and Osborn, in front, waiting to pounce on any opportunity that presents itself. Surbiton are not short of sharpshooters, either, with Molloy, Notton, Tinkler and D'Cruz having already found the target to telling effect.

In another match of high quality, Southgate entertain Hounslow at Broomfield School, reviving memories of many stirring battles. Both clubs were beaten last week and each is intent on recovering lost ground.

Southgate have not so far stamped their authority on a match and they struggled last week when losing 4-3 to Teddington despite taking a 3-2 lead after conceding two early goals. Welch, their centre forward, has recovered from a groin strain which forced him to retire from the match against Teddington after he had scored two goals. Hounslow report no injury problems.

Havant, the champions, now reinforced by the Australian defender, Rutledge, from Sydney, are reorganising their side in an attempt to lift themselves from fourteenth position after two drawn games and one defeat.

Faulkner will revert to centre half and Williams will play at inside right, with Giles at centre forward. However, they are not expected to have much trouble when they visit Slough, who are at the bottom of the table and without a point from three matches.

Old Loughtonians, in third position, can expect to maintain their unbeaten record when they visit Firebrands. So, too, should Cannock against Trojans.

Ward gives object lesson in how to play golf

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN PARIS

WELCOME to the wonderful world of Wendy Ward. At Golf National this week, the Texan, 21, a student at Arizona State univeristy, has been providing some of the best women golfers from around the globe with an object lesson in how to play the game.

Yesterday, in the third round of the women's world amateur team championship, Ward shot 67, five under par, breaking the course record of 68 she had set the day before. On Wednesday, she had opened up with a decidedly modest round of 69, so her total of 204 was 12 under par. The United States team, lagging a little, was nine under par, with a 108-hole total of 423.

Carol Semple Thompson, 45 and a veteran of five of these championships, provided the back-up to Ward yesterday, allowing Sarah Ingram an off-day. Thompson's 74 featured 16 pars and two bogeys, but her French is a little rusty and she is finding the greens difficult to read.

Ward's heroics — "I've been waiting a long time to play this well," she said — meant the Espirito Santo trophy was likely to be heading to the United States for the twelfth time out of 16, although Australia and Spain, the defending champions, for whom Sara Beautell had a 68, were still within reach, on 431, eight shots behind. France, fourth on 432, was also still well in the running.

As for Great Britain and Ireland, the team matched par for the first time and improved from nineteenth to fifteenth place (out of 29), on 446, 14 over par. Julie Hall, in her third world championship, had four birdies in her 71, although she continues to be troubled by the last, where she took a bogey six after driving too far left and tangling with the inevitable water hazard. Lisa Walton contributed a 73, despite dropping three shots in two holes, the 12th and 13th.

It is long, hard work — rounds were taking up to five hours — and one of the Australians showed the strain, dabbing her eyes with a towel before steeling herself to check a card that counted but was more than the team needed. That is the sainted Espirito.

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FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated
Pools coupon numbers in brackets
** denotes all-ticket match*

FA Carling Premiership

(-) Arsenal v Crystal Palace
(1) Aston Villa v Newcastle
(2) Leeds v Man City
(3) * Liverpool v Sheffield Wed
(4) Man Utd v Everton
(5) Norwich v Blackburn
(6) Southampton v Ipswich
(7) Wimbledon v Tottenham

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	7	6	1	0	23	8	19
Blackburn	7	5	2	0	16	3	17
Nottm Forest	7	5	2	0	14	5	17
Man Utd	7	4	1	2	12	8	13
Chelsea	6	4	0	2	12	8	12
Liverpool	6	3	2	1	12	4	11
Man City	7	3	2	2	11	8	11
Leeds	7	3	2	2	9	8	11
Aston Villa	7	2	3	2	8	8	9
Wimbledon	7	2	3	2	5	7	9
Norwich	7	2	3	2	3	5	9
* Tottenham	7	3	0	4	12	15	9
Southampton	7	2	3	2	9	12	9
Arsenal	7	2	2	3	7	7	8
Ipswich	7	2	1	4	8	12	7
QPR	7	1	3	3	9	12	6
Sheff Wed	7	1	3	3	9	13	6
Leicester	7	1	2	4	7	12	5
West Ham	7	1	2	4	2	9	5
Coventry	7	1	2	4	6	16	5
Crystal Palace	7	0	4	3	4	11	4
Everton	7	0	3	4	7	16	3

* 6pts to be deducted

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division

(8) Barnsley v Swindon
(9) Bolton v Derby
(10) Burnley v Tranmere
(11) Charlton v Watford
(12) Grimsby v Portsmouth
(13) Luton v Bristol City
(14) Middlesbrough v Millwall
(15) Reading v Notts County
(16) Sheffield Utd v Oldham
(17) Sunderland v Southend
(—) Wolverhampton v Port Vale

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	9	6	2	1	18	5	20
Middlesbro	9	6	2	1	13	6	20
Swindon	9	5	2	2	11	7	17
Tranmere	9	5	1	3	15	13	16
Reading	9	4	3	2	12	5	15
Derby	9	4	2	3	12	10	14
Charlton	9	3	4	2	18	17	13
Stoke	9	4	1	4	11	16	13
Portsmouth	9	3	4	2	10	9	13
Port Vale	9	4	1	4	10	12	13
Oldham	9	4	0	5	15	14	12
Sunderland	9	2	6	1	9	7	12
Bolton	9	3	2	4	14	12	11
Sheff Utd	8	3	2	3	11	8	11
Grimsby	9	2	4	3	16	14	10
Millwall	9	2	4	3	13	12	10
Luton	9	2	4	3	10	13	10
Southend	9	3	1	5	10	20	10
Watford	9	2	4	3	9	12	10
Bristol City	9	2	3	4	8	10	9
Barnsley	9	2	3	4	7	11	9
Burnley	9	2	2	5	6	12	8
West Brom	8	1	4	3	6	10	7
Notts County	9	1	3	5	11	16	6

Vauxhall Conference

(—) Altrincham v Welling
(—) Dagenham and Red v Halifax
(—) Gateshead v Woking
(—) Kettering v Bromsgrove
(—) Kidderminster v Dover
(—) Macclesfield v Farnborough
(—) Merthyr v Stafford
(—) Runcorn v Bath
(—) Southport v Stalybridge
(—) Stevenage v Northwich
(—) Telford v Yeovil

HELLENIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Moreton v Brackley.
HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Raunds v Boston.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v Brigg; Thackley v Stocksbridge PS.

Second division

(18) Brentford v Shrewsbury
(19) Bristol Rovers v Crewe
(20) Cambridge Utd v Bradford
(21) Cardiff v Peterborough
(22) Chester v Oxford Utd
(23) Huddersfield v Brighton
(24) Hull v Bournemouth
(25) Leyton Orient v Plymouth
(26) Rotherham v Blackpool
(27) Wrexham v Birmingham
(28) * Wycombe v Swansea
(29) York v Stockport

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford Utd	9	6	3	0	20	9	21
Huddersfield	9	6	2	1	22	13	20
Bradford	9	5	2	2	17	9	17
Stockport	9	5	1	3	19	13	16
Wycombe	9	5	1	3	14	12	16
Brighton	9	4	4	1	12	8	16
Crewe	9	5	0	4	18	14	15
Brentford	9	5	0	4	17	12	15
Birmingham	9	4	3	2	16	9	15
Blackpool	9	4	2	3	16	17	14
Bristol Rovers	9	3	5	1	12	6	14
Wrexham	9	4	2	3	12	10	14
Peterborough	9	3	4	2	13	16	13
Shrewsbury	9	3	3	3	17	14	12
York	9	3	3	3	12	9	12
Swansea	9	2	6	1	10	8	12
Hull	9	3	2	4	10	14	11
Rotherham	9	2	2	5	11	17	8
Leyton Orient	9	2	2	5	10	16	8
Cambridge Utd	9	2	2	5	9	16	8
Plymouth	9	2	2	5	7	20	8
Cardiff	9	1	3	5	9	15	6
Bournemouth	9	1	1	7	8	22	4
Chester	9	0	1	8	5	17	1

Third division

(30) Barnet v Fulham
(31) Carlisle v Darlington
(32) Chesterfield v Torquay
(33) Colchester v Bury
(34) Exeter v Hartlepool
(35) Gillingham v Mansfield
(36) Hereford v Scunthorpe
(37) Lincoln v Northampton
(38) Preston v Walsall
(39) Rochdale v Doncaster
(40) Wigan v Scarborough

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bury	9	7	1	1	17	2	22
Carlisle	9	7	1	1	16	8	22
Barnet	9	6	1	2	15	8	19
Doncaster	9	5	3	1	10	3	18
Scunthorpe	9	5	1	3	16	11	16
Rochdale	9	5	1	3	16	17	16
Torquay	9	4	3	2	16	13	15
Preston	9	4	2	3	13	9	14
Darlington	9	4	2	3	11	9	14
Walsall	9	3	4	2	14	10	13
Colchester	9	4	1	4	12	16	13
Chesterfield	9	4	1	4	10	10	13
Lincoln	9	4	0	5	11	12	12
Exeter	9	3	1	5	6	12	10
Fulham	9	2	3	4	9	13	9
Scarborough	9	3	0	6	9	14	9
Gillingham	9	2	2	5	10	15	8
Mansfield	8	2	2	4	8	10	8
Hartlepool	9	2	2	5	4	10	8
Northampton	8	1	4	3	8	10	7
Hereford	9	1	3	5	7	14	6
Wigan	9	1	0	8	7	19	3

Diadora League
Premier division

(41) Purfleet v Harrow
(42) Slough v Dulwich
(43) St Albans v Bishop's Stortford
(44) Sutton Utd v Walton and Hersham

OTHER MATCHES: Chesham v Hitchin; Enfield v Wokingham; Hayes v Bromley; Hendon v Yeading; Kingstonian v Carshalton; Marlow v Grays; Molesey v Aylesbury. First division: Barking v Ruislip Manor; Basingstoke v Worthing; Berkhamsted v Dorking; Billericay v Heybridge; Bognor Regis v Abingdon Town; Boreham Wood v Aldershot Town; Leyton v Wembley; Maidenhead Utd v Whyteleafe; Newbury v Chertsey Tooting and Mitcham v Wivenhoe; Uxbridge v Staines. Second division: Barton v Saffron Walden; Chalfont St Peter v Thame; Croydon v Oxford City; Malden Vale v Aveley; Windsor and Eton v Banstead.

BOODLE AND DUNTHORNE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS CUP: Bradfield v Aldenham.

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division

(45) Falkirk v Hearts
(46) Hibernian v Partick
(47) Kilmarnock v Aberdeen
(48) Motherwell v Celtic
(49) Rangers v Dundee Utd

First division

(50) Clydebank v St Johnstone
(51) Dundee v Dunfermline
(52) Hamilton v St Mirren
(53) Raith v Ayr
(54) Stranraer v Airdrie

Second division

(—) Berwick v East Fife
(—) Brechin v Dumbarton
(—) Clyde v Meadowbank
(—) G'nock Morton v Stenhousemuir
(—) Stirling v Queen of the South

Third division

(55) Arbroath v Montrose
(56) Caledonian Thistle v East Stirling
(57) Cowdenbeath v Alloa
(58) Forfar v Albion
(—) Queen's Park v Ross County

FA VASE: Preliminary round: Alnwick v Esh Winning; Ponteland v West Allotment Celtic; Penrith v Billingham Town; Walker v Washington; Morpeth v Ryhope CA; Crook v Langley Park; Pickering v Harrogate Railway; Darlington Cleveland Soc v Wolviston; Marske v Willington; Easington Colliery v Evenwood; Norton and Stockton Ancients v Sunderland Kennek Roker; Armthorpe Welfare v North Ferriby; Salford v Skelmersdale; Hucknall v Formby; Chadderton v Sheffield; Maltby MW v Blackpool (Wren) Rovers; Borrowash Victoria v Bildworth MW; Heanor v Kidsgrove; Rossendale v St Helens; Tadcaster v Glapwell; Ashfield v Harworth CI; Heswall v Darwen; Ossett Town v Grove; Oakham v Merseyside Police; Worsboro Bridge MW v Prescot AFC; Priory (Eastwood) v Trafford; Louth v Hallam; Bradford Park Avenue v South Normanton; Clitheroe v Waterloo Dock; Winterton v Newcastle Town; Lincoln United v Poulton Victoria; RES Parkgate v Denaby; Staveley MW v Bootle; Maine Road v Immingham; Bacup v Glasshoughton Welfare; Yorkshire Amateur v Rainworth MW; Atherton Collieries v Hatfield Main; Liversedge v Hall Road; Pontefract Collieries v Ossett Albion; Oldham Town v Rossington Main; Vauxhall v Eccleshill; Knowle v Willenhall; Stourport v Bolehall; Highgate v St Andrews; Brierley Hill v Barwell; Meir KA v Chasetown; Shepshed Dynamo v Holwell; Halesowen Hrs v Stewarts and Lloyds; Stapenhill v Gedling; Oldbury v Shifnal; Knypersley Victoria v Westfields; Blakenhall v Rocester; Lye v Stratford; Paget v Boldmere St Michaels; Long Buckby v Wellingborough; Sandwell v Northampton Spencer; Northfield v Bloxwich; Rushall Olympic v Newport Pagnell; Desborough v Wednesfield; Brantham v Cornard; Harwich and Parkeston v Stowmarket; Holbeach v Eynesbury; Sudbury Wanderers v Haverhill; Swaffham v Long Sutton; Burnham Ramblers v Gorleston; Watton v Wroxham; Warboys v Downham; Ipswich Wanderers v Felixstowe; Norwich United v Newmarket; Stamford AFC v Sawbridgeworth; Bowers v Great Yarmouth; Woodbridge v Maldon; Hadleigh v March; Chatteris v Witham; Great Wakering v Fakenham; Ely v Tiptree; Histon v Spalding; Bourne v Mirrlees Blackstone; Ashford (Middx) v Stotfold; Harlow v Hanwell; Haringey v Wooton Blue Cross; Hampton v Viking Sports; Northwood v Ford; East Thurrock v Leverstock Green; London Colney v Harpenden; Harefield v Langford; Kingsbury v Royston; Cockfosters v Edgware; Southall v Eton Wick; Brook House v Biggleswade; Potton v Hemel Hempstead; Kempston v Concord; Beaconsfield SYCB v Tower Hamlets; Tilbury v Shillington; Welwyn Garden City v Wingate and Finchley; Leighton v Bedford; Letchworth Garden City v Dunstable; Ware v Hertford; Hornchurch v Flackwell Heath; Clapton v Hillingdon; Cheshunt v Romford; Potters Bar v Feltham and Hounslow; Croydon Athletic v Whitstable; Southwick v Chichester; Sheppey v Stamco; Burgess Hill v Chipstead; Corinthian v Canterbury; Camberley v Ramsgate; Cobham v Epsom and Ewell; Newhaven v Chatham Town; Three Bridges v Slade Green; Wick v Eastbourne Town; Deal v Arundel; Selsey v Broadbridge Heath; Redhill v Leatherhead; Mile Oak v Thamesmead; Corinthian-Casuals v Bracknell; Steyning v Dartford; Worthing United v Horsham; Langney Sports v Ash; Ringmer v Shoreham; Bedfont v Beckenham; Folkestone Invicta v Horsham YMCA; Cray v Merstham; Crowborough v Pagham; Portfield v Oakwood; Lancing v Egham; Godalming and Guildford v Littlehampton; Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Eastleigh; Gosport v Hungerford; Thatcham v First Tower; Totton AFC v Abingdon United; Swanage and Herston v Westbury; Cove v Carterton; Flight Refuelling v Lymington AFC; Swindon Supermarine v Brockenhurst; Wantage v Fleet; Kintbury v Bournemouth; Bicester v Milton; Christchurch v Petersfield; North Leigh v Calne; Banbury v Ryde; Cirencester v Tuffley; Porthleven v Fairford; Cinderford v Bishop Sutton; Frome v Devizes; Clyst v Glastonbury; Torrington v Bridgwater; Ilfracombe v Odd Down; Bridport v Backwell; Melksham v Barnstaple; Chippenham v Brislington; Elmore v Warminster; Larkhall v Saltash; Minehead v Exmouth; Keynsham v St Blazey; Newquay v Mangotsfield; Almondsbury v Wotton; Wellington Town v Liskeard; Helston v Shortwood.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow v Colwyn Bay; Bishop Auckland v Marine; Buxton v Spennymoor; Chorley v Emley; Frickley v Accrington Stanley; Hyde v Morecambe; Knowsley v Gainsborough; Matlock v Droylsden; Whitley Bay v Winsford; Witton v Boston Utd. First division: Atherton LR v Warrington; Bamber Bridge v Mossley; Caernarfon v Harrogate Town; Congleton v Farsley; Curzon Ashton v Alfreton; Eastwood Town v Workington; Gretna v Goole; Lancaster City v Ashton Utd; Radcliffe v Blyth; Worksop v Netherfield.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor City v Afan Lido; Barry v Llansantffraid; Caersws v Rhyl; Connah's Quay v Ton Pentre; Cwmbran v Holywell; Ebbw vale v Flint; Maesteg Park v Conwy; Mold v Llanelli; Newtown v Inter Cardiff; Porthmadog v Aberystwyth.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Worcester; Corby v Solihull; Crawley v Dorchester; Gloucester v Burton; Gresley v Rushden and Diamonds; Halesowen v Gravesend and Northfleet; Hastings v Hednesford; Sittingbourne v Atherstone; Sudbury Town v Cheltenham; Trowbridge v Leek; VS Rugby v Cambridge City. Midland division: Baston v Hinckley; Bridgnorth v Ilkeston; Buckingham Town v Sutton Coldfield; Evesham v Grantham; Forest Green v Armitage; Moor Green v Newport AFC; Nuneaton v Leicester Utd; RC Warwick v Dudley; Redditch v King's Lynn; Stourbridge v Rothwell; Tamworth v Bedworth. Southern division: Clevedon v Baldock; Fareham v Burnham; Fisher 93 v Bashley; Havant v Tonbridge AFC; Margate v Weston-super-Mare; Poole v Erith and Belvedere; Salisbury v Witney; Waterlooville v Bury Town; Weymouth v Braintree; Yate v Ashford.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: East Ham v Eton Manor; Southend Manor v Hullbridge Sports. Challenge Cup: Basildon v Brightlingsea; Brentwood v Stansted.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cockfosters v Brimsdown; Walthamstow Pennant v Amersham.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE First division: Andover v Horndean; Wimborne v Cowes Sports.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: East Grinstead v Whitehawk; Hailsham v Peacehaven and Telscombe.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Crockenhill v Faversham; Furness v Greenwich; Herne Bay v Darenth Heathside; Tunbridge Wells v Kent Police.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Glossop North End v Eastwood Hanley; Nantwich v Burscough.

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge United v Charlton Athletic; Gillingham v Fulham; Ipswich Town v Portsmouth; Leyton Orient v Watford; Norwich v Chelsea; Queens Park Rangers v Arsenal; Southend v West Ham; Tottenham v Millwall. Second division: Brentford v Tottenham; Bristol City v Bournemouth; Bristol Rovers v Brighton; Colchester v Wycombe Wanderers; Oxford Utd v Luton; Southampton v Reading; Wimbledon v Crystal Palace.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena v Ards; Bangor v Portadown, Crusaders v Coleraine; Distillery v Carrick; Larne v Cliftonville; Linfield v Ballyclare; Omagh Town v Newry.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cobh Ramblers v St Patrick's Athletic (7.0).

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Aldenhamians v Etonians; Brentwoods v Lancing; Carthusians v Reptonians; Malvernians v Chigwellians. First division: Bradfieldians v Harrovians; Foresters v Wykehamists; Westminsters v Cholmelians; Witleians v Haileyburians.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior one: Nottsborough v Old Owens; Old Grammarians v Witan; Ulysses v Southgate County; Wandsworth Bor v Mill Hill Village; Senior two: Albanian v UCL Academicals; Hale End Ath v Ealing Assoc; Honourable Artillery Com v Dunscombe Sports; Old Finchleians v Old Fairlopians.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardinal Manning v Old Meadonians. Chertsey v Glyn; Clapham v Old Aloysians; Old Tenisonians v Old Ignatians; Old Wilsonians v Old Hamptonians.

HOCKEY

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Bishop's Stortford v Dereham; Blueharts v Cambridge University; Chelmsford v Luton; Ipswich v Redbridge and Ilford; Peterborough Town v Colchester. Premier division B: Bedford v Romford; Norwich City v Sudbury; Old Southendian v Bury St Edmunds; Pelicans v Ipswich and East Suffolk; Stevenage v Westcliff.

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier division: Anchorians v Staines; City of Portsmouth v Ashford; Dulwich v Wimbledon; Fareham v Chichester; Gore Court v Woking; Maidenhead v Lyons; Old Kingstonians v Old Mid-Whitgiftians; Oxford Hawks v High Wycombe; Spencer v Hampstead and Westminster; Winchester v Old Walcountians. Regionals: Hampshire/Surrey: Basingstoke v Oxshott; Cheam v Old Edwardians; Fleet v Old Mid-Whitgiftians; Hamble Old Boys v Weybridge Hawks; Lensbury v Bournemouth; London University v Camberley; Merton v Epsom; Oxted v Barnes; Petersfield v Purley; Old Tauntonians v Pirelli.

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

Courage Clubs Championship
First division

Gloucester v Bath
Harlequins v West Hartlepool
Northampton v Bristol
Orrell v Sale
Wasps v Leicester

Second division

London Irish v Fylde
London Scottish v Coventry
Newcastle Gosforth v Moseley
Nottingham v Wakefield
Saracens v Waterloo

Third division

Bedford v Morley
Clifton v Richmond
Exeter v Rugby
Harrogate v Blackheath
Otley v Rosslyn Park

Fourth division

Aspatria v Reading
Broughton Park v Havant
Leeds v Rotherham
Plymouth v Askeans
Redruth v Liverpool St Helens

Fifth division north

Birmingham Solihull v Nuneaton
Lichfield v Stoke
Preston Grasshoppers v Stourbridge
Sheffield v Kendal
Walsall v Winnington Park
Wharfedale v Hereford

Fifth division south

Barking v Henley
Berry Hill v Weston-super-Mare
High Wycombe v Camborne
London Welsh v North Walsham
Lydney v Basingstoke
Sudbury v Tabard

LONDON: First division: Ealing v Ruislip, Eton Manor v Esher; Harlow v Camberley; Maidstone v Old Mid-Whitgiftians; Streatham and Croydon v Guildford and Godalming; Sutton and Epsom v Old Colfeians.

SOUTH WEST: First division: Barnstaple v Torquay; Cheltenham v Gloucester OB; Cinderford v Brixham; Salisbury v Stroud; St Ives v Maidenhead; Taunton v Sherborne.

MIDLANDS: First division: Burton v Wolverhampton; Derby v Camp Hill; Leamington v Worcester; Stafford v Whitchurch; Towcestrians v Bedworth; Westleigh v Syston.

NORTH: First division: Durham City v Bradford and Bingley; Hull Ionians v West Park Bramhope; Middlesbrough v Huddersfield; Stockton v Manchester; Tynedale v Widnes; Wigton v York.

Heineken League
First division

Abertillery v Bridgend (2.30)
Cardiff v Llanelli (2.30)
Dunvant v Swansea (2.30)
Newbridge v Neath (2.30)
Newport v Pontypridd (2.30)
Pontypool v Treorchy (2.30)

Second division

Llandovery v Ebbw Vale (2.30)
Llanharan v Narberth (2.30)
Maesteg v Abercynon (2.30)
Penarth v Cross Keys (2.30)
South Wales Police v Bonymaen (2.30)
Tenby Utd v Aberavon (2.30)

THIRD DIVISION: Glamorgan Wdrs v Tredegar; Kenfig Hill v Blackwood; Mountain Ash v Aberavon Quins, Pontypool Utd v Blaina; Tondu v Builth Wells; Ystradgynlais v Caerphilly.

McEwan's League
First division

Currie v Stirling County
Dundee HSFP v G H K
Heriot's FP v Boroughmuir
Jed-Forest v Hawick
Melrose v Edinburgh Acads
Watsonians v Gala
West of Scotland v Stewarts Mel FP

Second division

Corstorphine v Haddington
Edinburgh Wndrs v Kirkcaldy
Kelso v Gordonians
Peebles v Musselburgh
Preston Lodge v Grangemouth
Selkirk v Biggar
Wigtownshire v Glasgow Acads

Insurance Corporation League
First division

Blackrock v Young Munster (2.30)
Instonians v Garryowen (2.30)
Old Wesley v Dungannon (2.30)
Shannon v Lansdowne (2.30)
Sunday's Well v St Mary's College (2 30)

Second division

Bangor v Ballymena (2.30)
Greystones v Bective Rangers (2.30)
Terenure Coll v Old Crescent (2.30)
Univ College Dublin v Malone (2.30)
Wanderers v Old Belvedere (2.30)

ICE HOCKEY

Benson and Hedges Cup

Group A
Fife v Blackburn (7.15)
Teesside v Edinburgh (6.30)

Group B
Humberside v Whitley (5.45)

Group C
Nottingham v Sheffield (6.30)

Group D
Basingstoke v Cardiff (6.0)
Slough v Medway (6.30)

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell Bees v Peterborough Pirates (5.15). First division: Paisley Pirates v Lee Valley Lions (6.30); Swindon Wildcats v Dumfries (5.30); Trafford Metros v Guildford Flames (5.30)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Moor Windows Derby Bucks v Blue Circle Worthing Bears (8.0); Exide Manchester Giants v Birmingham Peugeot Bullets (7.30). 7-Up Trophy: Sunderland v Doncaster (7.30); Thames Valley v Hemel (8)

BOWLS: Saga International Open (Guild Hall, Preston).

BOXING: World Boxing Organisation featherweight championship: Steve Robinson (Wales, holder) v Duke McKenzie (Croydon) (Cardiff).

EQUESTRIANISM: Horse of the Year Show (Wembley).

LACROSSE: Shepherds Friendly Society: North of England League: First division: Boardman and Eccles A v Timperley; Old Waconians v Sheffield Steelers; Sale v Ashton; Poynton v Cheadle; Stockport v Heaton Mersey.

RUGBY LEAGUE: National Conference: Premier league (2.30): Dudley Hill v Haworth; Egremont v Askam; Hemel Hempstead v Leigh MW; West Hull v Chorley; Wigan St Patricks v Saddleworth, Woolston v Mayfield.

SPEEDWAY: British League: First division (7.30): Bradford v Ipswich; Cradley Heath v Belle Vue; King's Lynn v Coventry.

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated
** all-ticket match*

FA Carling Premiership

Chelsea v West Ham
* Nottm Forest v QPR (4.0)

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division

Stoke v West Brom (2.55)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Derry City v Bohemians (3.30); Shamrock Rovers v Dundalk (3.30); Sligo Rovers v Monaghan Utd (7.0).

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Croydon v Arsenal; Ilkeston Town Rangers v Doncaster Belles; Leasowe Pacific v Millwall Lionesses; Wolverhampton Wanderers v Liverpool F C Ladies; Red Star Southampton v Wembley.

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Group A: Edinburgh Racers v Blackburn Hawks (6.30): Paisley v Fife Flyers (7.0). Group B: Durham v Telford (6.30); Whitley Warriors v Trafford (6.30). Group C: Peterborough Pirates v Milton Keynes (6.30); Romford v Nottingham Panthers (5.15). Group D: Cardiff Devils v Bracknell Bees (6.30); Medway Bears v Basingstoke Beavers (5.15).

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Chelmsford v Slough (6.30); Dumfries v Lee Valley (7.0); Guildford v Teesside (5.15); Solihull v Swindon (7.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

John Smith's tour match

Cumbria v Australia XIII
(at Workington, 3.0)

Stones Bitter Championship
First division

Hull v Bradford (3.15)
Oldham v St Helens (3.0)
Salford v Doncaster (3.0)
Sheffield v Widnes (3.15)
Wigan v Wakefield (3.0)

Second division

Barrow v Keighley (2.30)
Batley v Rochdale (3.15)
Highfield v Huddersfield (3.0)
Hunslet v Ryedale York (3.30)
Leigh v Bramley (3.0)
London Broncos v Swinton (3.0)
(at Hendon FC)

VOLLEYBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division: Britannia Music City v Wessex; Sale v Ashcombe Guildford Spectrum.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester Jets v Sunderland Scorpions (6.0).
7-UP TROPHY: Birmingham Peugeot Bullets v Thames Valley Tigers (6.0); John Carr Panthers Doncaster v Leicester City Riders (5.0); Sheffield Sharks v Exide Manchester Giants (6.15).

HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bournville v Teddington (Birmingham University 2.0); Firebrands v Old Loughtonians (Longwood, Bristol 1.30); Guildford v Canterbury (Kings Manor School, 12.0); Indian Gymkhana v East Grinstead (Feltham School, 2.0); Reading v Surbiton (Sonning Lane, 2.0); Slough v Havant (Wexham School, 2.0); Southgate v Hounslow (Broomfield School, 2.0); Stourport v Hull (Kidderminster School, 2.30); Trojans v Cannock (Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, 1.30).

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Clifton v Chelmsford; First Personnel Sut. Coldfield v Balsam Leicester; Hightown v Slough; Ipswich v Bracknell. First division: Bluebarts v Ealing; Canterbury v Wimbledon; Doncaster v Trojans; Exmouth v Bradford Swithenbank. Second division: Olton v Woking; Pickwick v Loughborough; Sherwood v St Albans; Sunderland Bedans v Great Harwood.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Saga International Open (Guild Hall, Preston).

EQUESTRIANISM: Horse of the Year Show (Wembley).

SPEEDWAY: British League: First division: Eastbourne v Coventry (3.30); Ipswich v Poole (2.30). Second division: Glasgow v Edinburgh (6.30).

SQUASH: World Women's Open (Guernsey).

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Saturday portrait: Lanfranco Dettori by Julian Muscat

Horseplaying days of youth are over for a winner born and bred

ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN



Nineteenth-century legend holds that the Duke de Condé, a convert to the theory of reincarnation, convinced himself he would one day be recast as a racehorse. The result of his phobia is the palatial stabling block on the fringes of Chantilly racecourse, one of the most opulent of architectural follies in all of France.

Such delusions of grandeur would never beset Lanfranco Dettori, although the old duke's reincarnation theory is more apt, for there is a marvellous symmetry to the alliance of Dettori and Lochsong, his most famous equine partner. Lochsong, the darling among British racehorses; Dettori, the darling of British racegoers. The imagery would be quaint were it not for the fact that so much of Lochsong's individualism is evident in her precocious young jockey. Indeed, were Dettori to be cast in the mould of a thoroughbred, there could be no more accurate representative than the great racemare herself.

Inspired, emotional, sometimes tempestuous but undeniably brilliant: these qualities apply equally to Dettori and his equine aristocrat. So intricate is their fusion that neither could have thrived as a single entity. "Frankie" Dettori's unmatched ability to transmit confidence to his mounts has been the making of this fractious mare. And Lochsong, through her exhilarating speed, has taken the young Italian to the very limits of his notoriously fertile imagination.

Even French racegoers, steeped in their xenophobia, will momentarily lower their guard should Lochsong blaze to victory on her European swansong at Longchamp tomorrow. Ten thousand baying Britons will demand it. Furthermore, many will entrust their francs on Dettori's mount, Only Royale, the Britain-trained favourite for the Forté Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. The burden might weigh heavily on the shoulders of most jockeys. Not so Dettori. The man is 23, could easily pass for a teenage Latin street urchin, but has long been renowned for his nerves of steel. His every breath has been groomed for moments like these.

However, it could all have come to nothing. Dettori embarked on a brief riding stint in Hong Kong two years ago, where the racing scene, embedded in glitz and glamour, made a profound impact on this most impressionable of young men. A champion of the racetrack, he was spoiled by owners, bestowed with presents, fêted in restaurants throughout the colony. The experience came in marked contrast to his formative years: from a broken Milanese home, all but fostered by a nun, dispatched to Newmarket aged 13, driven by a stern taskmaster in Luca Cumani, not speaking a word of English, confined to bed-sit claustrophobia. Little wonder, then, that Dettori revelled in his first taste of freedom. Little wonder, too, that he wanted more of it.

> 'Seduced by money and the easy life, what rescued him were his sublime riding skills'

He stunned Cumani on his return to Newmarket by admitting that press reports linking him with a more permanent posting in Hong Kong were true. And Cumani — who, along with his wife, Sara, had embraced him like family for more than seven years — was to discover the obstinate streak within his boy. He could not excuse Dettori's seduction by money and the easy life, particularly when the jockey's career stood on the cusp of greatness. For six long months, he would not speak to his adopted son.

Worse was to follow. Dettori, on an emotional roller-coaster, was stopped with friends on a night out in London — the bright lights again — and found in possession of a small quantity of cocaine. He received a police caution. It was all too messy for the Hong Kong authorities, who promptly refused his application for a jockey's licence. In the space of six months, Dettori betrayed seven years of grooming and slipped quietly into the hazardous ranks of freelance jockeys, from which few ever rise to a position of prominence.

What came to his rescue were his sublime riding skills, some of which he inherited from his father, Gianfranco, many times the champion of Italy and a huge influence on his life. Last year, Dettori simply blitzed the racing scene, ramming his natural ability down the throats of those who had come to question his drive. But the fates were kind: early in his wilderness, he was fortunate to link up with David Loder, a new recruit to the training ranks whose naked desire probably emphasised in Dettori's mind the importance of ambition.

In the years to come Dettori will come to understand, as Cumani already acknowledges, that his naivety was the making of him. A common theme in all sport is that the bubble of youth, once pricked, is rarely reinflated. Dettori has proved the exception. In the course of a wildly successful 1993 season, he was courted by two of the most powerful owners in Robert Sangster and Daniel Wildenstein. Yet he trumped them both, landing the much-prized contract to ride for the stable of John Gosden, principal trainer to Shaikh Mohammed, the racing world's largest proprietor of racehorses.

Asking trainers to compare contemporary jockeys is a pointless exercise. Some have it that Dettori is already in a league of his own: above Kinane, Swinburn and Eddery. Others identify his age with a lack of experience, a commodity for which there is no substitute in the big-race theatre. But most believe Dettori will be as celebrated as was Piggott in his prime. Dettori's natural exuberance, his bubbly persona, the overwhelming charisma which makes him the antithesis of Piggott, has its own unique charm.

First, he must scatter himself across the record books. Another prolific season sees him with an outside chance of bettering the record set by Sir Gordon Richards, who rode 269 winners in 1947. However, the five British classic races are the benchmark of excellence, and in that respect he has much to achieve. He landed his first classic, the Oaks, on Balanchine just four months ago. At a similar age, Piggott had already taken five classics, among them two Derbys. The scale of his task is easily illustrated: should Dettori ride one classic winner each season, he will have to wait until 2024 to pass Piggott's tally.

Few doubt Dettori's motivation for staying the course, principally because his father, now retired from the saddle, spends so much time around Dettori's Newmarket home. Occupants of the town testify that, for the first time in their lives, father and son now have the time to develop a relationship common to most. But there is an added incentive for his father to further orchestrate his fledgeling's career.

It is to Gianfranco's eternal regret that he never fully integrated himself with British racing when he had the chance. Twenty years ago, Gianfranco was a regular visitor to ride horses trained by Henry Cecil. He even landed two classics, yet preferred the comfort of Italy where, as with his son's experiences in Hong Kong, he developed a taste for the easy life. He never learned to speak English, and was happy to retreat to his sanctuary when his riding proved less than inspired.

It was to exorcise these regrets that Lanfranco Dettori, aged 13, was removed from his private school in Milan and thrown to the inhospitable winds of Newmarket. Now, ten years later, this infectious character has metamorphosed into horseracing's most tangible asset.

Australia poised to turn to Warne

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN KARACHI

IT IS 35 years since Australia won a Test match in Pakistan. As far as their cricketers are concerned — and not just theirs, to be honest — it is a tour that must be endured through gritted teeth. Now, after three gripping days, their young side is well-placed to begin this three-match series with a notable victory.

They are not there yet. The Pakistanis may be a capricious lot, and much of their cricket here has been ragged, but no team is more capable of defying expectation. To hold a lead of 262, though, as the Australians do, enables them to proceed from a position of strength.

Another 100 runs would probably take the game beyond Pakistan's scope. To save it, they would then have to bat for more than a day on a wearing pitch. Mushtaq turned the ball yesterday and Shane Warne towers above him as a leg spinner.

In the dying moments of the day, Pakistan clawed back some ground. The Waugh brothers and Bevan were dismissed inside seven balls. Indeed, of the five wickets to fall, three batsmen failed to score and two, Bevan and Steve Waugh, went first ball.

As so often, David Boon stood tall and he resumes today, after four hours and ten minutes of serious Test match batting, on 85. He was missed twice, on 28 and 58, so Pakistan can blame only themselves if he makes a big hundred, as he is capable of doing. Boon, the pole of stability in this Australian side, is not a man to pardon.

He added 122 for the third wicket with Mark Waugh after Taylor and Slater had gone before lunch. Rashid, the wicketkeeper, failed to hold a leg-side tickle and, 30 runs later, Malik allowed an edged late cut through his hands at slip. Otherwise, the Pakistan fielding was a marked improvement on their first-innings performance. It could hardly not have been.

Their behaviour was not always so admirable. When Boon had made 38, he drove at Mushtaq, whereupon the bowler, collecting the ball on the half-volley, claimed a clean catch. In situations like that, the fielder knows instinctively whether the ball has carried, and Mushtaq's animated behaviour when Boon stood his ground did him no credit.

Khizer Hayat, who was standing at the bowler's end, did not have a clear view. After consulting Dickie Bird he declined to give Boon out. It was the sort of decision that confirms the sense of "neutrality", and reveals that cricket should always be played within the spirit, as well as the laws, of the game. Mushtaq was extremely naughty. Others would put it stronger than that.

Boon is not the kind of man who gets upset by such antics. He has earned his reputation as the most reliable No 3 in world cricket by getting his head down and avoiding distractions. There were some fine strokes, too, none better than the first of his seven boundaries, a drive through mid-on off Waqar when the ball was new.

Australia needed a firm hand on the tiller because Taylor had gone in the second over, caught behind as he pushed at Waqar. This completed the first "pair" of his career, in his first Test as captain. He is the first man to make two ducks in a first Test as captain. He won't forget Karachi.

Together with Boon, Mark Waugh provided a steadiness appropriate to the situation. Other than a swat over mid-wicket, which brought him six off Mushtaq, Waugh played within himself. To hit only three of the 132 balls he faced for four represented an abnormal case of self-denial.

Just when it seemed likely that this pair would sustain their partnership into a second day, Waqar returned with immediate effect. Waugh left a gap between bat and pad and cursed himself for doing so. In the next over, Wasim beat Bevan's loose stroke, and when he brought the next ball back into Steve Waugh, the Pakistanis were jubilant.

They will be wiser when their turn comes to bat again. In the morning they had extended their first innings by 47 before Angel and McGrath took the last three wickets with the new ball. It is not the new ball they have to worry about now. An old one will do just as well for a man called Warne.

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Slater, the Australia opener, drives Mushtaq for a boundary yesterday. Photograph: Muzammil Pasha

KARACHI SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 337 (M G Bevan 82, S R Waugh 73, I A Healy 57).

Second Innings

*M A Taylor c Rashid b Waqar	0
M J Slater lbw b Mushtaq	23
D C Boon not out	85
M E Waugh b Waqar	61
M G Bevan b Wasim	0
S R Waugh lbw b Wasim	0
†I A Healy not out	3
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 5)	9
Total (5 wkts)	181

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-49, 3-171, 4-174, 5-174.

BOWLING: Wasim 14-2-47-2; Waqar 10-1-41-2; Mushtaq 21-3-51-1; Raza 10-1-19-0, Aamir 7-0-19-0

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Saeed Anwar c M E Waugh b May	85
Aamir Sohail c Bevan b Warne	38
Zahid Fazal c Boon b May	27
*Salim Malik lbw b Angel	26
Basit Ali c Bevan b McGrath	0
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Taylor b Warne	9
†Rashid Latif c Taylor b Warne	2
Wasim Akram c Healy b Angel	39
Akram Raza b McGarth	13
Waqar Younis c Healy b Angel	6
Mushtaq Ahmed not out	2
Extras (lb 7, nb 4)	11
Total	256

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-90, 2-153, 3-154, 4-157, 5-175, 6-181, 7-200, 8-234, 9-253.

BOWLING: McGrath 25-6-70-2; Angel 13.1-0-54-3, May 20-5-55-2, Warne 27-10-81-3; S R Waugh 2-0-9-0.

Umpires: H D Bird (England) and Khizar Hayat (Pakistan).

Match referee: J R Reid (New Zealand).

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Ploys from Brazil prove a qualified success



SIMON BARNES

On Saturday

How do you run a football championship? The answer is simple: play as many matches as you can, to con as many people through the turnstiles as is humanly possible. Thus the last World Cup gave us a group stage of 24 teams, of which 16 went through. It was almost impossible to miss qualification. In fact, it took the Colombian genius for failure to bust the system.

But now the Brazilian FA has come up with something even better. You start out with 24 teams. You play a series of matches and then go through to the second stage. The first stage has four groups of six teams, who each play each other twice. When all this is done, guess how many teams qualify for the second stage? Answer: 24.

Then come the Byzantine complexities of the second phase, which eventually produces eight quarter-finalists. Now, this is the column that never hesitates to tell it like it is. But this time I refuse to tell you how phase two works. As Einstein said of the universe, this competition is not only stranger than we imagine, it is stranger than we *can* imagine. "The directors must be mad," one newspaper commented. Brazil, almost unique among football nations, has no national league: it is feared that nobody would support a team that had no chance of winning the championship. This system, by the simple expedient of making the act of playing football perfectly meaningless, gives everyone an interest virtually until the quarter-finals — which are played on a disconcertingly straightforward knock-out basis.

Copping out

Meanwhile, in Rio, the violence inside the stadiums is on the increase. A couple of Sundays ago, more than 50 people were wounded at a game. Two of the injured are in danger of their lives. The Rio police have said that they will no longer go inside stadiums. Federal police have been asked to take over the job. As I write, it is not known if they will agree. It is possible that matches will be cancelled. Question: if you don't play any matches, will you still qualify for the second round? I don't see how you could avoid such a fate.

Sobering news

Many a wild theory has been canvassed about the now-notorious United States v Colombia football match at the World Cup. The most outlandish theory yet for the non-performance of the Colombians comes from Juan José Bellini, president of the



Colombian FA. "Everybody out there saw that Carlos Valderrama, the greatest of our team, got drunk during the World Cup. Before one of the games, everybody saw that he was in no condition to play. The people know exactly what happened with our team. For now, I can only guarantee that Valderrama will never play again for the international team. I am sorry for the players, but the truth must be known." I wonder if it ever will be.

College streak

The record for the longest winning streak in American college sports has been broken — by North Carolina's women's football, or soccer, team. The previous record was 88 wins, set by UCLA men's basketball team in the early 1970s. This went as North Carolina beat the confusingly named North Carolina State 5-1 for win number 89. "I'm sure I'll look back on it some day, but I haven't really thought much about it yet," the Oscar Wilde of American women's college soccer, Tisha Venturini, who was credited with a goal and two assists, said.

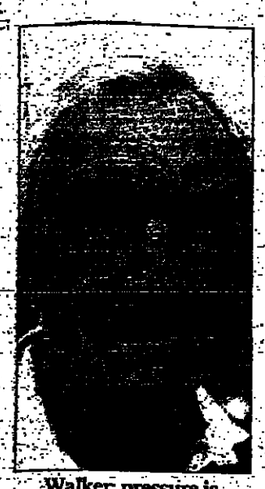
Fit to burst

Recent views on wimpish triathletes who insist on completing the swim part of the swim-bike-run trinity in a rubber ring — I'm sorry, a buoyancy-aiding rubber suit — evoke a spirited response from Dave Bellingham, chair of the British Triathlon Association. Triathletes are fearfully fit even if they don't like the cold, he says, no doubt correctly. He concludes with a final sting: "Eejits we ain't." Then why do contestants wear eejit-glasses?

W. G. Who?

Bargains from the latest edition of *Wisden*: a decent bat for 15/9; pads for 9/6 (plus 6d postage) and a cap for a shilling. One of the five *Wisden* Cricketers of the Year set a new batting standard with an aggregate of 2,780 runs, relegating the previous record-holder, W. G. Grace, to the dustbin of history. This promising young player is known as Ranji. There is also a report on a strike by professionals, and an utterly unconvincing denial from cricketing types about paying a preposterous shamateur by the name of, yes, W. G. Grace. This is yet another reprinted *Wisden*, the edition of 1897, from The Willows Publishing Co, 17 The Willows, Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0DE.

Walker seeking change of fortune that money cannot buy


Walker: pressure is building on manager

Peter Ball on the plight of the Everton manager, who has discovered wealth is not the answer to his prayers

The first week of October is a little early to be talking about clubs in crisis, but if Everton still have time to recover from their worst start to a season for 36 years, the pressure is building up on their manager, Mike Walker. Everton begin a period of eight days that could determine his future with a visit to Old Trafford today.

"We have a testing programme ahead to say the least," Walker said yesterday. Meeting the double-holders on their own ground with nothing expected of his team, however, is likely to be less critical for the manager than the trip next week to the south coast.

Then, Everton meet Portsmouth in the second round of the Coca-Cola Cup, with a one-goal deficit from a humiliating first-leg defeat by the Endsleigh Insurance League side, followed by a visit to Southampton in a match that already looks like being a "relegation six-pointer", to use the footballing vernacular.

By 5pm next Saturday, Everton could be out of the Coca-Cola Cup at the first attempt and in danger of being cut adrift of their rivals at the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership table. A similar start resulted in the dismissal of Colin Harvey in November 1990.

The situation is not completely analogous, Harvey having had three years in charge after inheriting a championship-winning side. Walker has had nine months and inherited a club in disarray, but since his acrimonious departure from Norwich City in January, Walker has so far been unable to arrest the club's decline.

His predecessor, Howard Kendall, resigned in December when the board refused him the money to buy Dion Dublin for a fee in excess of £1 million. Everton were then in eleventh place.

With negotiations with Norwich for Walker's release not running smoothly, and the boardroom in a state of paralysis after the death of Sir John Moores, the major shareholder, Everton were managerless for more than a month, and the slump set in as they went six games without scoring, and picked up only one point from seven games. They avoided relegation on the last day of the season.

This season, with a new chairman, Peter Johnson, promising an open cheque-book, was expected to be different. But already pre-season optimism has been dissipated. Far from providing the basis for Walker to revitalise the club, the £10 million Johnson has made available is proving hard to spend, players preferring to go elsewhere or not being available at prices Walker is willing to pay.

Before the season started, season Johnson encouraged Walker to join the bidding for Chris Sutton. Like Alex Ferguson, Walker refused to meet the £5 million price being asked by Norwich, leaving the way clear for Blackburn Rovers.

Most would applaud the stand, but Everton supporters will look at Sutton's eight goals for Blackburn this season and wonder. They may also ponder the failure to sign Dublin, who joined Coventry City last month for £2 million and who has already repaid a large chunk of the fee with three goals in three games, replacing Phil Babb as captain in the process.

Befitting their traditional high status, Everton have secured the services of Amokachi, the Nigeria international striker, but while Sutton is playing alongside Shearer, Amokachi has been partnered by Brett Angell, and the impact is not the same.

Everton then tried to sign Muller, the Brazil international. The signing collapsed in farce when Muller pulled out after a day of negotiations because the club refused to pay his income tax. The image of fumbling incompetence remained.

This week Walker again watched Karl-Heinz Riedle, but the club decided that the fee of £3.5 million for a player of 29 was excessive.

If Walker's difficulty in spending Johnson's money demands sympathy, the signings he has made have struggled to make an impact. Limpar adds an extra dimension to good teams, but he has contributed little to Everton, and Samways is not controlling midfield in the way Walker had hoped.

Scoring and creating goals has been a continuing problem at Goodison Park for some time. Recently, however, there have been signs that equal problems are developing at the other end of the field, with Neville Southall's handling uncertain, and Watson, for all his indomitable spirit, less authoritative than he was.

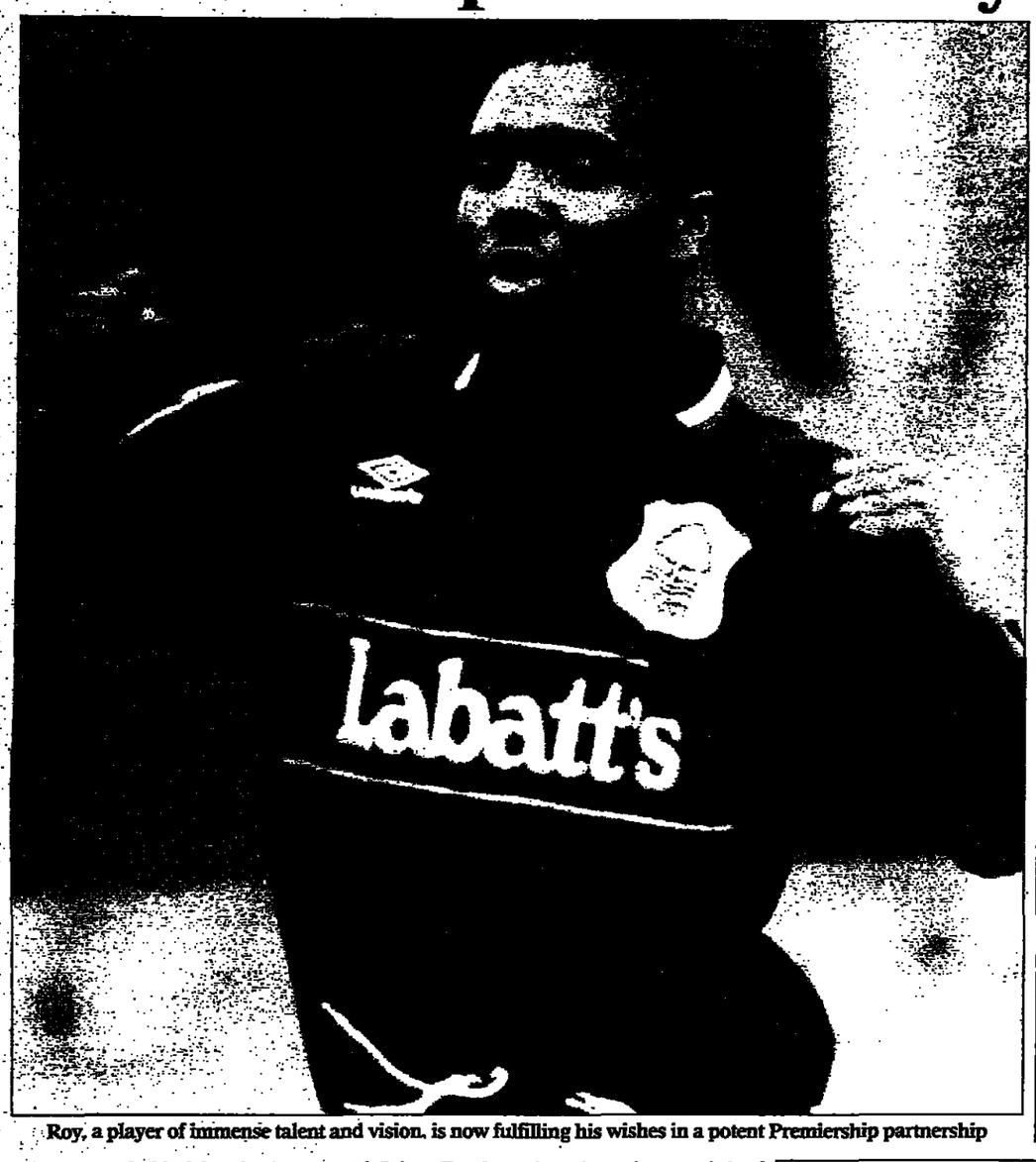
"It is not my team yet," Walker said at the start of the season, but with supporters expressing their disaffection at home matches, unless things start to pick up quickly, he may never be in a position to send an Everton team he considers his own onto the field.

Forest fuse Collymore's brawn and Roy's brain with striking results

Imperfect partners find pure harmony



Rob Hughes
Weekend View


Roy, a player of immense talent and vision, is now fulfilling his wishes in a potent Premiership partnership

The more England imports football players, the greater becomes the test of the country's club managers. It is not a matter of linguistic adaptation, for that is exclusively left to the incomers; rather, it is the task of man-management, to integrate different skills and to accommodate different temperaments.

Frank Clark, yesterday chosen as FA Carling Premiership manager of the month, has worked his own kind of managerial masterpiece by blending a forward pairing of Stan Collymore and Bryan Roy at Nottingham Forest. The one from Staffordshire has been virtually untrainable to some managers, a bull terrier if a man of 14 stones could be so described, a talent with both head and feet, but one who has to be groomed, watched and sometimes threatened.

And Roy? Opposite in as many ways as it is possible. He hails from Amsterdam, he comes by way of Foggia in the Italian *Serie A*, but his game is about refinement — fine touches, delicate temperament, the finest balance going to the left or right that you could dream of seeing.

Clark's insistence that nothing has changed, that football is a team game in which a solid platform is built from which match-winners do their job, is in the nature of the man: understated.

In Collymore he has taken on a player who was unwanted even by his local team, Stafford Rangers, just a few years ago, and in Roy he acquired what was presumed to be a winger, an isolated performer of tricks who might or might not turn on the magic on a given day.

Louis van Gaal, the manager who sold him from Ajax to Foggia, had declared: "Roy is a fantastic footballer without yield. Somewhere in the world there might be a coach who could fulfil Bryan's talents."

The first stage of gaining regular service out of Roy's talents came via Zdenek Zeman, the hard taskmaster from Prague, who took a chance on him with the modest Italian club, Foggia. And when, after Roy had scored 11 goals in his last season there, Clark paid £2.5 million for him, the Forest manager thought he was buying a left-sided attacking midfield player.

"Last season we played five across midfield," Clark said. "I was looking for someone on the left, never dreaming Roy would be available. When he was, I went for it, but I still thought he would serve from that specialist position." Instead, during a game in Athens against Olympiakos, Clark noticed that Roy had little taste for the effort that the modern game demands from wingers, to shuttle back, marking his full back.

They had words at half-time, Roy unburdened his lifelong wish to play down the middle, to be what is known in Dutch soccer as a "shadow striker". Clark is a man of open mind. He tried it, he is still trying it, and after eight games Forest are unbeaten with six wins. Nobody has scored more than once against them, but they have mesmerised two of their last three opponents, scoring four goals against Sheffield Wednesday and Tottenham Hotspur in turn.

So now the question is open. Is Roy still the winger that Dutch football has always perceived him to be, or is he a player capable of surprising top-class opponents with his running, his vision and his finishing?

So far, the Dutch have refused Roy's pleas to even try the role. They see him, as Johann Cruyff saw him when he first recruited Roy for Ajax at the age of 12. For a full decade, Roy gave in-and-out performances, for his club and later his country, and now England is profiting from a willingness to experiment.

Nobody is profiting more than Collymore. He, in the words of Clark, is virtually a baby in footballing terms. He may be 24, but after rejection as a youngster by Wolverhampton Wanderers, after proving virtually uncontainable because of his volatile temperament at Stafford, and after barely a full season with Crystal Palace and Southend United, he became the £2.2 million gamble of Clark's lifetime.

Clark was spending the money acquired after the break-up of Brian Clough's Forest. He knew, and he knows, that there are days when Collymore is perplexingly unwilling, unable, uncoordinated, and yet when his juggernaut frame rumbles into stride, when the menace in him is chanelled towards the opponents' goal, there are few more thrilling or more potent athletes in the business.

The harmony of Collymore and Roy, English and Dutch, is yet to be tested over a full season. It has to be seen whether Collymore can run Premiership opponents when the winter mud cloys at his ankles, and whether Roy can jockey his bewitching way through a long period of consistency.

It is fragile, this team building around two talents, neither of which has satisfied previous managers that they can blend permanently.

The analogy to animal training seems almost irresistible. They are highly-strung individuals, they would never have worked under the old regime of running players in training until it hurts, and, starting with Queens Park Rangers tomorrow afternoon, they will come up against opponents who know a little bit more each time about their instincts and how to repel them.


Collymore unstoppable

Conquerors of Europe turn to domestic battle

By Peter Ball

FOR the second time in three days, all eyes will focus on Villa Park this afternoon with the Premiership leaders, Newcastle United, the visitors for a match between England's two outstanding performers in Europe this week.

Since they pursued Manchester United so eagerly two years ago, Villa have made little impact. But their performance on Thursday, against Internazionale, brought them back to centre stage. "I was really excited watching it, it was the best performance by an English team in Europe for years," Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, said generously.

Whether, after their exertions on Thursday, Villa can end Newcastle's unbeaten record is questionable. Richardson, who has only missed two league games out of 133 since he joined from Arsenal, Houghton and Saunders are all doubtful with injuries sustained against Inter, but Whittingham, whose chip almost kept the game from going to penalties, starts his first game for seven months.

Newcastle are awaiting a fitness test on Beardsley, who sustained a thigh strain against Royal Antwerp. If he misses the game, Kitson, the £2 million signing from Derby, will make his debut.

Either way, the contest between Cole and Ehiogu should be more even than the one in April, when Newcastle won 5-1. Ehiogu, who has emerged as an outstanding young centre half this season, was then in a spell of nine games in the team which brought him up against Cole, Shearer and Wright in quick succession.

"Playing against that group helped me a lot," Ehiogu said. "It was a tough baptism, but it gave me a launching pad for this season."

Manchester United can also look back on their week with pleasure. Wednesday's draw in Istanbul being quickly followed by the news that their profit had more than doubled to £10.78 million for the financial year. They also welcome back Cantona, who returns for a fleeting appearance against Everton, but will then miss three of the next four.

France's match in Romania next weekend means he is unavailable for next week's matches with Port Vale and Sheffield Wednesday, and his European suspension rules him out of the Champions' League games against Barcelona. Giggs will miss today's game, but Irwin's return will allow Sharpe to move forward, and both Keane and Hughes are expected to play.

Everton again omit Limpar, but with Holmes and Ablett suspended, Mike Walker is forced to recall Hinchcliffe and Jackson, the full backs he dropped a week ago.

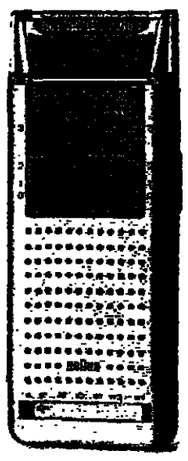
Chelsea and Arsenal could have hoped for something less frantic than London derbies after their European matches on Thursday, but Chelsea have an extra day to prepare for the visit of West Ham, and beating the Cypriots took little out of Arsenal, who entertain Crystal Palace. Without a goal in three games, Palace are likely to push Salako up alongside Chris Armstrong.

Scoring goals is not Tottenham's problem. Stopping them is, and they are forced to try to stop Wimbledon in the weekend's third London derby without Justin Edinburgh, who is injured, and Sol Campbell, who is suspended.

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FOOTBALL

Thursday night's late results
UEFA CUP: First round, second leg: Aston Vila 1 Internazionale 0 (last: agg 1-1; Aston Vila won 4-3 on penalties).
EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: First round, second leg: Arsenal 3 Omonia Nicosia 0 (Arsenal won 6-1 on agg).
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Derby 3 Bolton 2; Notts County 3 Stoke 1; Tranmere 1 Nottingham Forest 1.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Tottenham 2 Bristol City 3.
BOODLE AND DUNTHORNE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS CUP: First round: Ardingly 2 Bolton 1; St Bede's 4 Charterhouse 0.
BUENOS AIRES: South American Supercopa: Gremio Porto Alegre (Br) 2 Racing Club (Arg) 1. (Gremio won 3-2 on agg).

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Second preliminary round, first leg: Thames Valley Tigers 82 (Holley 18, Austin 14, Bucknall 10) Buckler Bologna (Danilovic 21, Moretti 16, Binion 12) (It) 82.

BOWLS

PRESTON: Sligo International: Second round: C Curtis (Aus) bt D Hendry (Scot) 7-1, 7-3. Quarter-finals: W Richards (Eng) bt I Taylor (Aus) 7-4, 0-7, 7-2, 7-5.

GOLF

GERMAN MASTERS: Motzener See: Leading first-round scores (GB & Ire unless stated): 65: E Els (SA). 66: R Claydon, 66: J Cocores (Arg), V Singh (Fiji), A Hunter, P Mitchell, D Smyth, P Baker, S Richardson. 67: S Stauver (Ger), S Lyle, R Davis (Aus), E O'Connell, S Ames (Trin), J M Olazabal (Sp), A Cejka (Ger), A Binaghi (It), A Bossert (Switz). 68: M Zerman (It), M Farry (Fr), H P Thust (Ger), A Forsbrand (Swe), S Ballesteros (Sp), S Torrance, S Tinning (Den), R Lee, I Woosnam, M-A Martin (Sp). 69: P Fulke (Swe), T Gogele (Ger), C Mason, N Faldo, P-U Johansson (Swe), P Eales, J Van de Velde (Fr), B Lamper (Ger), J Lomas, R Boxall, S McAllister. 70: G J Brand, P Curry, A Sherborne, R Chapman, D Cooper, M Sunesson (Swe), S Luna (Sp), J Rivero (Sp), M Dilue, J Spence, M Pinero (Sp), E Darcy, A Murray. 71: M Harwood (Aus), J M Canizares (Sp), M Mouland, J M Camiles (Sp), D A Russell, A Sorensen (Den), J Rystrom (Swe), P Mayo, C Cassells, M Lanner (Swe), R Karlsson (Swe), J Hawtree (SA), C Rocca (It), D Hospital (Sp), D J Russell, I Palmer (SA), M James, P O'Malley (Aus).
PARS: Espirito Santo women's world amateur team championship: Third round: 423: United States (W Ward 67, C Thompson 74). 431: Spain (S Beausoil 68, M Arizti 75); Australia (A-M Knight 71, K Webb 76). 432: France (S Dallongeville 72, K Mourgue d'Algue 74). 433: South Korea (Oh Yeon-Kwon 71, Mi Hyun Kim 75). 436: Sweden (S Eriksson 72, A-C Jonasson 74). 440: Brazil. 441: Belgium. 442: Germany; Austria. 443: South Africa. 444: New Zealand, Taiwan, Japan. 446: Great Britain and Ireland (J Heil 71, L Walton 73, * K Speak 80). 448: Denmark. 449: Italy. 455: Canada, Colombia, Norway. 458: Holland. 459: Argentina. 463: Finland. 465: Iceland. 466: Switzerland. 468: Mexico. 482: Bermuda. 496: Portugal. 501: Czech Republic. * denotes discarded score
WORPLESDON: Open mixed foursomes: First round: D P Morgans (North Herts) and R Ansell (Hardley Wintney) bt J Millington and A Millington (Mendip) 2 and 1; K Shepherd (Worplesdon) and D Vacari (Guildford) bt F M Eckersley-Maslin and J Watkinshaw (Denham) w/o; R H Wallis and I Gray (Army) bt J A Clapp and R Clapp (Ellesborough) 7 and 6; C Titcomb (Pitdown) and C Rotheroe (The Berkshire) bt F Thompson and D Fountain (Ellesborough) 3 and 1; S Forster (North Foreland) and J Dicks (Porters Park) bt A Whiteley (West Hill) and R Humphrey (Bramley) w/o; G Scase and S Downton (Orsett) bt G Barrett (Royal Wimbledon) and P Brown (Ashridge) 5 and 4; B Willerkin and N Paterson (Frilford Heath) bt J Hamilton (Harpenden) and D McCormack (Verulam) 3 and 2; T Eakin (Royston) and G O'Connor (Worplesdon) bt B Silver and M Silver (Ashridge) 4 and 3
PINE MOUNTAIN, Georgia: Buick Southern Open: First round scores (US unless stated): 65: T Baranger. 66: S Elkington (Aus); J McGovern, S Lamontagne. 67: K Perry; M Donald; S Utley; M Brisky; R Zokol (Can). 68: B Gleeson; D Mast; R Black; K Triplett; D Reese. 69: T Bynum; J Sluman; D Tewell; B Watkins; S Pate; B McCallister; L Mize; O Browne; B Glider; D Ogrin; J Leonard; M Sullivan; R Fehr; K Knox; M Hatalsky; S Gotsche; E Kirby.
ST LOUIS: Women's tournament: First round (US unless stated): 67: P Sinn. 68: L Rittenhouse, M Mallon, N Harvey. 70: L Neumann, J Geddes, J Anderson, S Thielber. 71: C Walker, K Tschetter, D Richard, N Ramsbottom, D Mochrie, N Le Roux, H Kobayashi, T Kerdyk, K Guadagnino, D Eggeling, M Edge, E Crosby, D Coe-Jones, P Bradley, N Bowen, A Alcott, J Zadiz. British scores: 73: P Wright. 75: L Davies. 76: S Strudwick.
INGESTRE PARK, Stafford: Chesterton Old Enemy Cup (blind International): Second day: England 6, Scotland 0 (England lead series 11-1).

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON & HEDGES CUP: Group B: Telford Tigers 8 Trafford Metros 1.

REAL TENNIS

FONTAINEBLEAU: French women's open championship: Quarter-finals (GB unless stated): S Haswell bt B Bidouze (Fr) 6-4, 6-4; L Bamfield bt A Cockcroft 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. Semi-finals: A Garside bt Haswell 6-0, 6-3; K Allen bt Bamfield 6-2, 6-2. Final: Garside bt Allen 6-3, 6-3.

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HENDON: Home Counties smallbore rifle tournament: Marks Shield: 1, Surrey 11,684pts; 2, Middlesex 11,588; 3, Essex 11,583. Individual: 1, P Bertolini (Herts) 593pts; 2, P Scanlan (Essex) 589; 3, N Davis (Surrey) 588. Invicta Shield: 1, Surrey 2,888pts; 2, Middlesex 2,831; 3, Herts 2,828. Individual: 1, V Measures (Surrey) 579pts.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Ipswich 64 Arena Essex 32. Second division: Middlesbrough 52 Sheffield 44.

TENNIS

PALERMO: Men's tournament: Second round: G Schaller (Austria) bt R Sabau (Rom) 6-3, 6-4; E Sanchez (Sp) bt T Muster (Austria) 6-3, 7-5. Quarter-finals: Sánchez bt Schaller 7-5, 6-3; A Corretja (Sp) bt J Arrese (Sp) 6-3, 6-4.
BASLE: Men's tournament: Second round: J Palmer (US) bt C Pioline (Fr) 7-6, 6-1; W Ferreira (SA) bt A Jarryd (Swe) 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; M Stich (Ger) bt J Svensson (Swe) 6-3, 6-4; P McEnroe (US) bt J Yzaga (Peru) 2-6, 6-3, 7-5; from 5-1 in G Forget (Fr) bt S Edberg (Swe) 3-6, 7-5, 6-3. M Rosset (Switz) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr) 6-2, 6-2; C Caratti (It) bt A Boetsch (Fr) 6-2, 6-4. Quarter-finals: P McEnroe (US) bt L Roux (Fr) 7-6, 6-2; G Forget (Fr) bt J Palmer (US) 7-5, 5-7, 7-6.
KUALA LUMPUR: Men's tournament: Second round: S Matsuoka (Japan) bt N Kulti (Swe) 7-6, 7-6. Quarter-finals: J Eltingh (Holl) bt A Mronz (Malaysia) 6-3, 6-2; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt L Paes (India) 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; A Olhovsky (Russ) bt G Pozzi (It) 6-1, 6-3; A Mronz (Ger) bt Matsuoka 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.
LEIPZIG: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: J Nowotna (Cz) bt S Cecchini (It) 6-3, 6-2; A Huber (Ger) bt B Rittner (Ger) 3-3, ret; J Weisner (Austria) bt I Majoli (Cro) 7-5, 6-4.

VOLLEYBALL

ATHENS: Men's world championship: Group A: Russia 3 Algeria 0; Russia 3 Canada 2. Group B: Brazil 3 Argentina 2; United States 3 Argentina 0. Group C: China 3 Japan 0. Group D: Holland 3 South Korea 1.

YACHTING

BOC CHALLENGE (Leading positions at 0800 GMT yesterday with miles to Cape Town): Class 1: 1, Ecureuil Poitou Charentes II (I Autissier, Fr) 4,498 miles; 2, Ben Vio (J Provoyeur, SA) 4,650; 3, Vendee Enterprises (J van den Heede, Fr) 4,680; 4, Hunter's Child (S Pettengill, US) 4,837; 5, Sosia Calberson (C Auguin, Fr) 4,841; 6, Coyote (D Scully, US) 5,061; 7, Gartmore Investment Managers (J Hall, GB) 5,124; 8, Thursday's Child (A Taylor, US) 5,423.
Class 2: 1 Kodak (G Soldini, It) 4,823; 2, True Blue (D Adams, Aus) 5,027; 3, Newcastle Australia (A Nebauer, Aus) 5,076; 4, Jamrods II (N Vaughan, GB) 5,106; 5, Schuten-Dohi II (M Saito, Japan) 5,252; 6, Sky Catcher (N Rowe, GB) 5,420; 7, Cornwall (R Davis, GB) 5,587; 8, Henry Hornblower (H Mitchell, GB) 5,603; 9 Prospect Our Seattle (N Petersen, SA) 5,812. 10, Town of Carvle (S Bianchetti, It) 6,015; 11 Cardiac 88 (F Romack, US) 6,248.

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Aston Villa find scant reward in trip to Turkey

By Russell Kempson

IT WAS like biting into the greenest, freshest apple and discovering a rotten core. Aston Villa, after beating Internazionale, the Uefa Cup-holders, on penalties at Villa Park on Wednesday, were yesterday handed a second-round draw against Trabzonspor, of Turkey. Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, was not amused. "Frankly, I would have liked another glamour tie," he said. "In its way, this one could be more difficult."

Anglo-Turkish football relations have been strained to breaking point in recent seasons, with Manchester United having experienced two torrid trips to play Galatasaray, the Turkish champions. Although their visit in the Champions' League on Wednesday was markedly free of trouble, compared to their incident-packed European Cup match in Istanbul last season, the atmosphere was tense throughout their stay.

Villa, having touched the heights with their 4-3 shoot-out success over Inter, after a 1-0 victory had levelled the aggregate at 1-1, will have descended to earth with a jolt. At least Trabzonspor, who lie fourth in the Turkish league this season, are unlikely to prove too awkward. They edged into the second round against Dinamo Bucharest and the second leg of the tie is at Villa Park, another factor in Villa's favour.

Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, remained cautious: "I hear Trabzonspor are not necessarily the top team in Turkey, but that doesn't mean anything," he said. "It all depends on what happens on the night. Against Inter, the champions, they were the favourites but we won."

Villa's memorable evening was marred by a pitch invasion after Phil King had scored the winning penalty. Des Casey, the official observer, confirmed he will report the matter to Uefa, the sport's European governing body, and Villa might be fined.

"We dissassociate ourselves completely from these supporters," John Hood, the safety operations manager at Villa Park, said. "We are very disappointed this happened, even though it was all good-natured and not at all malicious. We will try and identify those responsible and ban them from the ground."

Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle United manager, watched the Villa game and felt moved to tell Atkinson: "If we don't win the cup, I think you can." Newcastle's reward for their 10-2 aggregate demolition of Royal Antwerp is a draw against Athletic Bilbao, of Spain, with the first leg in front of the Tyneside hordes at St James' Park. Bilbao are near the foot of the Spanish league and struggled to beat Anorthosis Famagusta, of Cyprus, in the first round.



Atkinson: disappointed

In the European Cup Winners' Cup, Arsenal, the holders, take on Brondby, from Denmark. It is the former club of John Jensen, the Arsenal midfield player, who moved to Highbury for £1.1 million two years ago. He has not scored in 88 matches since and, perhaps, the renewal of acquaintenances will spur him on to great deeds.

Chelsea, England's other representatives in the competition, will meet Austria Wien. Uefa decided to reverse the legs, because of complications over Wien's ground-sharing commitments at the Prater Stadium, and Chelsea will now play the first leg at Stamford Bridge on October 20 — the same day as Arsenal host Brondby.

However, with the away legs set for November 3, Arsenal officials are worried about the rival clubs' supporters travelling in Europe on the same days: "We are not very happy about it." David Miles, the Arsenal assistant secretary, said. "Arsenal and Chelsea fans having to travel into Europe on the same day must be a very sensitive issue.

"We have looked at the ferry and train routes both sets of supporters would take and they are practically identical until they go their different ways somewhere in Germany. We have faxed Uefa with a suggested possible solution, which is simply to now switch our ties against Brondby, letting us play at home in the second leg."

Arsenal are 3-1 to retain the trophy — a feat not achieved by any club — while Chelsea are ranked as outsiders at 14-1. Sampdoria, of Italy, are the 7-4 on favourites, but may ease in the betting after the news that David Platt, their midfield player, may need cartilage surgery. The England captain injured a knee after scoring in the 2-0 win over Bodoe Glimt, of Norway, on Thursday. Platt is likely to miss England's international against Romania at Wembley on October 12.

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EUROPEAN DRAWS

Uefa Cup

Newcastle United v Athletic Bilbao
GKS Katowice (Pol) v Bordeaux
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Rapid Bucharest v Eintracht Frankfurt
Trabzonspor (Tur) v Aston Villa
Lazio v Trelleborgs FF (Swe)
Sion (Switz) v Marseilles
Slovan Bratislava (Slovakia) v Borussia Dortmund
Nantes v Tekstilchik Kamychine (Russ)
Innsbruck v Deportivo La Coruña
Boavista (Por) v Napoli

First leg Oct 18, second leg Nov 1.

Cup Winners' Cup

FC Porto v Ferencvaros
FC Bruges v Panathinaikos
Sampdoria v Grasshoppers
Besiktas (Tur) v Auxerre
Feyenoord v Werder Bremen
Chelsea v Austria Wien
Arsenal v Brondby (Den)
Tatran Presov (Slovakia) v Real Zaragoza

First leg Oct 20, second leg Nov 3.

Rugby league focuses on touring Kangaroos



Meninga, centre and facing camera, joins the Australia tour party for a photocall at Elland Road yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Meninga ready for final encounter

By Christopher Irvine

THE opposition leader in the Canberra parliament recently suggested that a giant figure of Mal Meninga should be built at the entrance to the city. The great man happily settled for a grandstand in his name at Bruce Stadium, but a latter-day Colossus of Rhodes, straddling the Sydney highway, might have been more apt.

Meninga has stood four square in the path of British rugby league ambitions for a dozen years. There were whispers he might not be back, that at 34 time was catching him up. All nonsense, of course. In leading Canberra to victory in the Winfield Cup last Sunday, Meninga was no less awesome in his swansong on home soil than when he first hit these shores in the 1982 Australia side.

Before the boots are finally hung up, and those famous tree-trunk legs nestle under a desk at Canberra, there is one last pop at the old enemy.

"This is our toughest challenge against Great Britain, no doubt about that, but this is the end," he said. "I want to go out on a high note before retiring. Joining London Broncos was tempting, but so was putting my feet up and watching the game for a change."

Meninga was like a beauty contest announcer when introducing his squad individually to the media in Leeds yesterday. No vital statistics, however, are more impressive than his own: 343 tries in 455 career matches, 873 goals, and 268 points in 41 international appearances. This is Meninga's fourth Kangaroo tour, the second as captain, and Britain's demise in the last six series meetings has hung largely on his strength and vision, and in two enormous hands.

Few players in any team sport have exercised so profound an influence. He is a man of contrasts. Self-effacing, yet consistently outstanding in the centre for Canberra and Australia; laid-back, but a fierce natural competitor. "It's been so close lately as to come down to a lucky break or a bad bounce of the ball, but self-belief can carry you that little bit further," he said.

Wayne Bennett, now the coach of Brisbane Broncos, was Meninga's physical instructor at the Queensland Police Academy and guided his early career. It is Wendell Sailor, another of Bennett's discoveries, at 19 the youngest of the 28-strong party, who Meninga tips as one of the gems that Australia tours traditionally unearth.

Flattered by this comment of his boyhood hero, the exciting Brisbane wing said he would settle for a winning start tomorrow at Workington against Cumbria. "I've got an awful lot of proving to do before any mention of international caps," he said. Meninga certainly has no need of that and is among the bigger guns rested until the second game, at Leeds on Wednesday.

☐ Graham Annesley, the referee from Sydney, will take charge of the first two John Smith's internationals.

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RACING TO START

Everyone knows Martina, queen of tennis. But a new Martina will step on court in Zurich next week. Stuart Jones joins the coronation party of Martina Hingis, aged 14

RACING TO FINISH

Richard Evans and Julian Muscat are at Longchamp to see Lochsong's swansong and Europe's richest race, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe

Heavyweight in-fighting pushes Lewis to fore of title talk



McKenzie: experienced

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

LENNOX Lewis could be challenging for a world boxing title by February or before the end of next summer, if a plan by his backers succeeds. If it fails, however, Lewis may be out of contention indefinitely.

Lewis's management team will be holding talks in New York next week with Dan Duva (Lewis's American promoter), Rock Newman (Riddick Bowe's manager), John Davimos (who manages Michael Moorer, the IBF and WBA champion) and Seth Abraham (the head of HBO, the leading cable and pay-per-view television company) on how to prevent all three titles from falling into the hands of the promoter, Don King.

Fearing that Moorer could lose his titles to Tony Tucker, King's man, in April, they hope to match Moorer with Lewis or Bowe in February, and have both former champions signing a contract to meet later in the year. Lewis or Bowe would still have to defend against Tucker in April but they are more likely to be successful in that contest than Moorer.

Abraham said yesterday that if Moorer should lose his title to Tucker — and if Mike Tyson is released on parole in May as expected — King, with two champions plus Tyson under his control, could keep Lewis and Bowe waiting for at least two years if, it suited him to do so. "Lewis and Bowe can forget boxing and become basketball players or something if Moorer lost to Tucker," Abraham said.

Bowe is the more likely challenger to Moorer, Abraham added. "It all depends on the meeting," he said. "But Bowe seems more likely to fight first because the American public don't know Lewis and they saw him knocked out by someone they knew was nothing but a sparring partner. Yes, Bowe was beaten by Holyfield but everyone thinks he [Bowe] ate himself out of the title. He was not beaten by Holyfield but by the refrigerator. So he seems the better opponent to start with."

King, of course, could even persuade the two former champions to join him, but as HBO is a rival to Showtime, the television company behind King, and is thus also in danger of being cut off from the heavyweight championship, Abraham was not expecting that possibility at the moment, rather concentrating on pulling together the deal between Moorer, Lewis and Bowe. "If I can make it work, they'll give me the Nobel Prize for peace," Abraham said.

Abraham admits, however, that plans could be upset if George Foreman beats Moorer on November 5. "I know Foreman is an old man but the punch is the last thing a fighter loses," Abraham said. "If Foreman wins, he is likely to give up the titles and all the titles could be split — then it would be like the Dodge City, everyone for himself."

Nearer home, Duke McKenzie tries to become the first British boxer to win four world titles when he challenges Steve Robinson, the WBO featherweight champion, at the Ice Rink in Cardiff, Robinson's home town, today. But McKenzie may find moving up another division from super bantamweight too tough.

While McKenzie, 31, has grown into the division with age, Robinson, aged 25, is a natural featherweight. Even though McKenzie, having boxed eight times for world titles is more experienced than Robinson and technically superior, when he comes under pressure from a full feather-weight, he could find it too much.

For all his successes at three weights from flyweight, this one could be a division too far. He may find that the punches that kept lighter men, such as Gaby Canizales and Jesse Benavides, at arm's length might not be enough to keep Robinson out. While in other divisions McKenzie had a height and reach advantage, this time he is up against a taller man and will be pushed to keep Robinson at bay indefinitely.

As Robinson's trainer, Ronnie Rush, said: "When McKenzie feels Steve's punches, he will realise he is still nothing more than a flyweight."

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